

L. H. J. Gentlemen of the Lower House of Assembly,

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I think proper to inform you, that, upon the Application of Captain Chapline, a Member of your House, and a great Number of our Frontier Inhabitants, I did, the 3d of August last, order Captain Delashmutt and Captain Moses Chapline to march Part of their respective Companies, and to patrol on the Frontiers for their Protection. The Time for which they were ordered out, is now expired; but they tell me, that if other Parties are not sent to relieve them, the Settlement of Conococheague will, in all Probability, be immediately broke up, the People being thrown into the greatest Consternation by an Account that they have received from the Mouth of Opekon River in Virginia, near which Place it is said that Seventeen Persons were killed and captivated by a large Party of Indians the 30th of last Month, while the Garrison of Fort Frederick is too weak and sickly to send out so many and such large Parties as the Inhabitants think necessary for their Security. I do not choose, at this Time, to order out any more of the Militia without your Advice; but, if you think it necessary, I will issue Orders for that Purpose.

7th of October, 1757.

Hor.<sup>o</sup> Sharpe.

Which was Read, and Ordered to lie on the Table.

The House adjourns until the Morrow Morning at 9 of the Clock.

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Saturday, 8<sup>th</sup> October, 1757.

The House met according to Adjournment: All the Members appeared as Yesterday, except Mr. Fraser, Mr. Benjamin Mackall, and Mr. Rasin. The proceedings were Read.

On Motion, That an Address be prepared to his Excellency, to return him the Thanks of this House, for favourably Representing to the Earl of Loudoun the great Inconveniencies that would result to (and the Inability of) this Province, to accommodate more than Ten Companies; Ordered, That Col. Tilghman, Mr. Carroll, Mr. Murdock, Mr. Matthew Tilghman, Mr. Edward Dorsey, and Mr. Dulany, do prepare and bring in such Address.

Mr. Murdock brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker, an Address to his Excellency; which was Read, Approved, and Ordered to be Ingressed.

Mr. Carroll brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker, the following Ingressed Address, viz.<sup>t</sup>