

His Excellency the Governor communicated to Mr. Speaker, the following Message, viz.^t

L. H. J.
Liber No. 49
Dec. 1

Gentlemen of the Lower House of Assembly,

In a Letter which I received Yesterday in the Afternoon from the Commanding Officer at Fort Frederick, he tells me, That Fifty-six Cherokees were come thither to offer their Service for the Protection of our Frontier Inhabitants. I should be glad to know whether you would choose to have them retained in the Service of this Province, that I may send the Commanding Officer Instructions to conduct himself accordingly.

Hor.^o Sharpe.

1st of December, 1757.

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

The House adjourns until 2 of the Clock Afternoon.

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Post-Meridiem. The House met according to Adjournment, &c.
Mr. Murdock appeared in the House.

Col. Tilghman brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker, the following Address, viz.^t

To his Excellency Horatio Sharpe, Esq; Governor and Commander in Chief in and over the Province of Maryland:

The humble Address of the House of Delegates.

May it please your Excellency,

Though we thought proper to defer answering your Message of the Eleventh of October, till our controverted Elections were decided, the important Affairs which occasioned our being convened maturely considered and determined on, and the Grounds of the numerous Complaints of the good People of this Province against Recruiting-Officers, and Persons impowered to Enlist Men into the Service, and more especially of the distressed Frontier Inhabitants, against the Forces there stationed for their immediate Protection and Quiet, were enquired into; we cannot now, consistent with our Duty, any longer put it off, as you have therein so publicly called in Question our Rights and Privileges.

The Hopes you were pleased to express, that a new Representative of the good People of this Province, would readily go into the Consideration of such Points, as should most effectually conduce to the Security and Convenience of that People, afforded us great Satisfaction; because this new Representative, in a great Degree, consists of those Gentlemen who lately composed the old.

The making Provision for the Support of so many of the Men already raised, as might be necessary for the more immediate Protection and Security of the Frontier Inhabitants, and for the Reception of such Number of his Majesty's Regular Forces, as we might reasonably presume would be ordered hither for Winter Quarters,