

On Motion, Ordered, That an Address be prepared to his Excellency, setting forth the Matters contained in the Report from the Committee appointed to enquire into the Disbursement of the Monies raised by the several Acts of Assembly for Maintaining the Forces to Guard the Western Frontier of this Province, and into the State and Condition of Fort Frederick, and into the Conduct and Behaviour of the Officers and Soldiers supported in the Pay of this Province; and that Col. Tilghman, Mr. Dorsey, and Mr. Matthew Tilghman, do prepare and bring in such Address.

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

Col. Tilghman brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker the following Ingressed Address, viz.†

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,

As we looked upon the Cultivating the Friendship of the Southern Tribes of Indians, engaging their Assistance against his Majesty's Enemies, and Establishing them in the British Interest, as a Matter of very great Importance, both to the Common Cause, and the immediate Security of our Frontier Inhabitants, we did, in our Bill for his Majesty's Service and our own Security, some Time since offered to the Upper House, direct that the Sum of £2000 should be laid out, by the Agents by that Bill nominated, in such Goods as might be thought most acceptable to those Indians, and that those Goods should be lodged at Frederick-Town in Frederick County, and should be Distributed at Fort Frederick to any such Parties of those Indians as might come into this Province, and engage in any Service against the Common Enemy, upon their return from that Service, in such Quantities as your Excellency, or the Governor or Commander in Chief of this Province for the Time being, should judge ample Rewards for their respective Services, and by Order, under Hand, direct and appoint; and we can only express our great Concern, that our good Intentions, in proposing a Measure which in all probability might be so conducive to the Safety of our distressed Frontier People, and to the Establishment of numerous Tribes of Indians in the British Interest, should be rendered ineffectual by the Negative of the Upper House passed upon that Bill.

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Which was Read and Assented to, and Signed, by Order of the House, by the Honourable Speaker.

Ordered, That Mr. Lee and Mr. Hanson do acquaint his Excellency, That this House hath prepared an Address to be presented to him, and desired to know when and where he will please to receive it.