

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

L. H. J.
Liber No. 49
Dec. 5

The humble Address of the House of Delegates.

May it please your Excellency,

The Concern we are under for the Distresses of our Frontier People, induces us to lay before you a Report from our Committee appointed to enquire into the Conduct and Behaviour of the Troops which have been Raised and Supported for their Protection, with Copies of the Depositions thereto annexed, from which we are persuaded it will appear to your Excellency, that those Troops have not only neglected to Perform the Service to which they were destined, but have committed many Abuses to the great Disquiet and Oppression of those unhappy People.

We must therefore intreat your Excellency to cause the Laws to be put in Execution against all Persons who have been Guilty of those Neglects and Abuses, and to take such other Measures as may most effectually prevent them for the future. p. 127

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

Ordered, That Mr. Carroll and Mr. Dent do acquaint his Excellency, That this House hath prepared an Address to be presented him, and desires to know when and where he will please receive it. They return and acquaint Mr. Speaker, that the Governor was pleased to signify, he would be ready to receive the Address in half an Hour's Time in the Conference Chamber.

Ordered, That Mr. James John Mackall, with Three more, do present the Address to his Excellency.

A Petition of sundry Freeholders and Inhabitants of Chester-Town and George-Town, and Others, within the County of Kent, was Read: And

On Motion, the Question was put, Whether the following Question, viz, "That £2000 part of the £3670 now unexpended for the Rewards for Scalps and Prisoners, be appropriated to the Defraying the Expence of Quartering those of his Majesty's Forces that now are, or may be, sent into this Province, to be Quartered this Winter," shall be now put, or Not? Resolved in the Negative.

For the Affirmative,

Key,
Williamson,
Hynson,
Tilden,
Gassaway,
Carroll,

Worthington,
Waggaman,
Edmondson,
Oldham,
Sulivanc,
Govane,

Baker,
Dulany,
Woodward,
Murdock,
Harris
Henry,