

on Capt. Beall since the Receipt of your Letter with an Expectation of his immediately sending a stronger Party, but found it as he said, and I believe out of his Power, as there was then Forty under the Doctor's Hand, and many others that had recovered not fit for Duty, so that there was no Help to be had, nor none we expect from the Place; and if his Excellency does not incline to send us any Help, the Consequence is, we must break up and leave the Settlement, or be sure of being murdered by Degrees. There is near Seven Hundred Souls, as you will see by the inclosed List, that still remain at the several Places where they were gathered, and stands upon their own Defence, still hoping, that when his Excellency is truly informed of their unhappy Circumstance, that they will get some Relief. I am, Sir,

Your most humble Servant,
Joseph Chapline.

Which Message, and Letters were severally Read, and Ordered to lie on the Table.

On Motion, Ordered, That Mr. Dulany, Mr. Murdock, and Mr. Earle, do prepare and bring in an Address to his Excellency the Governor, in Answer to the said Message.

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

Saturday, December 10, 1757.

Dec. 10
p. 169

The House met according to Adjournment, &c.

Mr. Murdock brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker, the following Ingrossed 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,

We are sorry to find, that the repeated Representations of the late Lower House of Assembly to your Excellency, of the Neglect of several Naval-Officers to account for the Duties imposed on Servants, imported into this Province for Seven Years or upwards, and their earnest Request that your Excellency would direct their Bonds to be put in Suit, have not yet had the desired Effect; and it gives us equal Concern to find, that no legal Steps have yet been taken to compel the Commissioners of the Paper Currency Office to Credit the Public with the Monies paid so many Years ago into that Office by Messieurs Trippe, Porter, and Bradford. As you were pleased, in one of your Messages to declare, that you would never countenance any Officer who does not diligently and faithfully discharge his Duty, we are at a Loss for the Failure in these Instances; but would choose to