

On Resolution of the foregoing Question, the said Address was Indorsed, "Read, Approved, and Ordered to be Ingressed."

L. H. J.  
Liber No. 49  
Dec. 12

Mr. Lloyd brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker, an Ingressed Address; which was Read and Assented to, and Signed, by Order of the House, by the Honourable Speaker.

Ordered, That Mr. Key and Mr. Wilson, do acquaint his Excellency the Governor, That this House hath prepared an Address, to be presented to him, and desires to know when and where he will please to receive it. They return and acquaint Mr. Speaker, That the Governor Signified he would receive the Address immediately at his House.

Ordered, That Mr. Lee, with Three more, do present the Address.

His Excellency the Governor communicated to Mr. Speaker, the following Message, viz. p. 176

Gentlemen of the Lower House of Assembly,

Since you have thought proper, in one of the Addresses which were presented to me the 10th Instant, to insist, that the Rates which you had settled for Waggon Hire, in the Bill that was some Time this Session offered to the Upper House, and returned thence with a Negative, were such as would have satisfied the Inhabitants of Frederick County, whose Waggon might be impressed to carry Provisions to Fort-Cumberland, and have made them quite easy, I think myself obliged to take particular Notice of that Part of your Address, as I have often heretofore, and again very lately, assured the People of that County, that I will embrace every Opportunity of shewing I have their Interest and Security truly at Heart.

By the Bill, which the Gentlemen of the Upper House thought it incumbent on them to reject, it was, I find, provided and directed, that there should be paid for the Hire of a Waggon and four Horses, the Sum of Twelve Shillings and Six-pence a Day for every Day, which Waggon should carry a Load of Fifteen hundred Pounds Weight, allowing Fifteen Miles to be a Day's Journey; and for every Mile they should be obliged to travel empty, the Sum of Five-pence: Suppose then a Number of Waggon were wanted to carry a Quantity of Provision from the Magazine at Fort-Frederick to Fort-Cumberland, and several were to be impressed for that Service about Frederick-Town, the Owner of each of them would receive for it's going to Fort-Frederick light, Seventeen Shillings and Six-pence Currency, the Distance being according to common Computation, Forty-two Miles, and they may be reasonably allowed two Days to go it in: As the Waggon are to be collected from several Places or Plantations, and none of them can move from Fort-Frederick till they are all loaded and ready to set off together (it being necessary that they should have a Convoy to secure them from any Attack of the Enemy) we may, upon an Average, suppose that every Waggon will be de- p. 177