

On Motion, That an Enquiry be made what Laws will Expire with the Close of this Session, if not continued by Acts;

L. H. J.
Liber No. 49
Feb. 23

Ordered, That Mr. Key, Mr. Wilson, Col. Henry, and Mr. Reeder, be a Committee for that Purpose; and that they make Report thereof to the House.

Mr. Carroll 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: p. 249

The humble Address of the House of Delegates.

May it please your Excellency,

The great Disquiet to the People, which has been caused by a March of a Company of Militia from Queen-Anne's County, which we are informed is now stationed on the Western Frontier of this Province, and of another from Kent County, which we hear are on their Way thither, renders it our indispensible Duty to request, that your Excellency will be pleased to let us know what has given Occasion to order the March of those Companies of Militia, and by Virtue of what Law they were compelled to go on a Service so excessively disagreeable and prejudicial to them; and that your Excellency will be pleased to lay before this House, all Orders that have been from Time to Time issued by your Excellency's Directions, relative to the Marching and providing Subsistence for the said Militia.

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

Ordered, That Mr. Thomas Gantt and Mr. Owings do acquaint his Excellency, 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 in a Quarter of an Hour's Time in the Conference Chamber.

Ordered, That Mr. Ward, and Five more, do present the Address.

The House adjourns till 2 of the Clock.

Post-Meridiem. The House met according to Adjournment, &c.

Mr. Rasin appeared in the House.

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

Gentlemen of the Lower House of Assembly,

I am sorry I was laid under the Necessity of doing a Thing, which, by your Account, has caused great Disquiet to some of the People of this Province; but as I had good Reason to apprehend, that the Soldiers which had been raised for the more immediate Defence of