

Friday Morning 31. of March 1758.

This House met again according to Adjournment

U. H. J.  
Liber No. 35  
Mar. 31

Present as Yesterday

Benjamin Tasker Esq.<sup>r</sup> attended by the Members of this House presents to his Excellency their Address which follows in these Words.

To his Excellency Horatio Sharpe Esq.<sup>r</sup> Governor and Commander in Chief in and over the Province of Maryland.

The humble Address of the Upper House of Assembly.

May it please your Excellency

We return your Excellency Thanks for your Speech at the Opening of this Session.

It is with the greatest Satisfaction we learn from your Excellency that his Majesty has ordered vigorous and extensive Efforts to be made in the ensuing Campaign to annoy his Enemies in America, and particularly that an Expedition is to be undertaken under the Command of Brigadier Forbes to reduce the Forts the Enemy have been suffered to build on this Side of the Ohio: this is a Measure we are convinced so essential to the future Happiness of this Province that you may be assured We will do every thing in our Power to promote the Success of it

His Majesty's Goodness in supplying Provisions and other Necessaries for this extensive Service and his most gracious Promise to recommend to his parliament to grant a proper Compensation for the Expence his American Colonies may be at in carrying on that Part of it recommended to them is a fresh Instance of Regard for his American Subjects, and we beg Leave to take this Opportunity of expressing the grateful Sense we bear of his paternal Goodness. p. 261

B: Tasker President

March 30.<sup>th</sup> 1758:

His Excellency is pleased to communicate to this House his Answer to their Address which follows in these Words.

Gentlemen of the Upper House of Assembly

The Assurance you are pleased to give me in your Address that you will do every Thing in your Power to promote the Success of the Operations that are about to be carried on in this Part of America is a Proof of your Gratitude to our most gracious Sovereign for his paternal Goodness and Care, at this Time so remarkably manifested to us, and shews that you have the Interest and Happiness of this Province truly at Heart. Be pleased to accept my grateful Acknowledgments for the same.

Horatio Sharpe.