

L. H. J.  
Liber No. 48  
April 13

Mr. Carroll brings in and delivers 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

In the Minutes of a Plan, formed for the better Defence of his Majesty's Dominions in North-America, and for Annoying his Majesty's Enemies, which you was pleased, at the Opening of this Session, to lay before us, we find the following Paragraph: "And it is further agreed, That we the Governors shall, in our respective Provinces, take particular Care to form such Regulations, and to see them properly executed, that in all Time coming, Carriages for Transporting the Baggage of his Majesty's Troops, shall be prepared at stated reasonable Rates; and that all the Troops, of whatever Denomination, either passing through our Provinces, or while in fixed Quarters therein, shall, in Time of Peace, be properly Quartered; and in Time of War, whatever Number of Troops the Commander in Chief may judge necessary for Defence, or carrying on the general Service, shall be Quartered according to Custom, or the Exigencies of Service." Now, May it please your Excellency, As we do not know of any Statute of England, or any Law of this Province, that impowers you, as Governor thereof, to form such Regulations as are above specified, or any Law, Statute, or Custom, for Quartering Troops of any Denomination whatever within this Province, either in Time of Peace or War, and as we cannot presume  
p. 384 your Excellency would, without some Law, Statute, or Custom, to authorize it, enter into such Agreement as is abovementioned, we therefore most humbly Request the Favour of you to lay before us the Law or Statute, or inform us of the Custom by which you are Vested with such Authority.

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

Ordered, That Capt. Jenifer and Mr. Gale do acquaint his Excellency, That this House hath prepared and 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 was pleased to signify he would be ready to receive the Address immediately at his House.

Ordered, That Mr. Loyd, with Three more, do present the Address to his Excellency.

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