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their Interpreter and Conductor; which was Read and Assented to, and sent to the Upper House, with the Paper Bill, by Mr. Dorsey and Major Hynson.

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

Gentlemen of the Lower House of Assembly,

I am glad to find by the first of your Yesterday's Addresses, that the Instances of his Majesty's paternal Care for us, mentioned in the Letter that I laid before you, a due Sense of the Interest this Province hath in the Event of the ensuing Campaign, and the King's gracious Promise to recommend it to Parliament, to grant a proper Compensation for the Expences that his good Subjects in these Colonies may be put to this Summer by an extraordinary Exertion of their Force, have made a suitable Impression on you; and I return you Thanks for the Assurance you are pleased to give me, that, with the greatest Cheerfulness, you will do every Thing that can be reasonably expected from you, as Representatives of the People of Maryland.

Though I did not think it necessary to mention it in my Speech at the Opening of this Session, yet it was not without Pleasure that I read that Part of Mr. Secretary Pitt's Letter, where he seems to recommend it to the several Governors to give Commissions to such Gentlemen of their respective Provinces, as from their Weight and Credit with the People, and their Zeal for the Public Service, may be best disposed and enabled to quicken and effectuate the speedy Levying of a Number of Men; because it is a Measure, which (as you know) I have hitherto taken when Men have been wanted in this Province, and indeed it has not hitherto failed of having the desired Effect: Besides I always thought that those Persons were most likely to behave well in Defence of their Country, whose Interest in it was considerable, their Friends and Relations numerous; and the Commendation that Brigadier General Stanwyx (who had the immediate
p. 16 Command of the Maryland Forces last Summer) was pleased to give the Officers to the Earl of Loudoun and Myself, confirms me in that Opinion.

Hor.^o Sharpe.

On Motion, Resolved, That the Sum of £40,000 be raised for his Majesty's Service, and for the immediate Protection and Defence of this Province.

Col. Tasker, from the Upper House, delivers to Mr. Speaker, a Petition of sundry Waggoners; Indorsed, "By the Upper House of Assembly; Referred to the Consideration of the Lower House of Assembly;" which Petition was Read here, and Ordered to lie on the Table.

On Motion, the Question was put, That the Sum of £40,000 be raised for his Majesty's Service, and the more immediate Defence