

Monday, April 17, 1758.

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The House met according to Adjournment: The Members were called, and all appeared as on Saturday, except Mr. Reeder, Mr. Dent, Mr. King, Mr. Sothoron, Mr. Murdock, and Mr. Edward Gantt. The Proceedings were Read.

Mr. Waggaman appeared in the House.

Mr. Carroll brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker, the following Ingrossed Address and Remonstrance, viz.

To his Excellency Horatio Sharpe, Esq; Governor and Commander
in Chief in and over the Province of Maryland:

The humble Address and Remonstrance of the House of Delegates.
May it please your Excellency,

We beg Leave to assure your Excellency, that nothing less than the
Regard we owe to the Preservation of the Lives, Liberties and
Properties of the good People of this Province, could induce us to
trouble you with a Representation so disagreeable to us, as what
we are obliged to make to you, on the late March of Two Companies
of the Militia, one from Queen-Anne's County, which we are in-
formed were stationed at Baker's Fort, on the Western Frontier,
for a considerable Time, and the other from Kent County, who, in an
Attempt to cross the Bay in their Way thither, were drove back
from Patapsco, by a violent Storm, into Chester River, their Vessels
forced ashore, great Quantities of their Provisions lost, and the Men
exposed to the most extreme Hardships. This we thought our indis-
pensibile Duty at our last Meeting; but, though we look'd upon it as a
Matter of a very interesting Nature, yet we gave a Bill for his Maj-
esty's Service, and the Security of our Frontiers, the Preference in
our Proceedings, and thereby (to our great Surprize and Concern)
made Way for your Excellency's sudden Prorogation (soon after
the Upper House had passed a flat Negative on that Bill) calculated,
as we are afraid the World will judge, to deprive us of an Oppor-
tunity of laying before your Excellency what we had determined,
not only upon that, but on several other Subjects; in order, as much
as in us lay, to put a Stop of those Hardships, so ruinous to the
Properties, and to avert the Consequences, so destructive to the
Liberties of the People, which naturally must flow from a Pursuit
of Measures in the Administration of Government, which seem at
present too much to prevail.

As our several Addresses, requesting your Excellency would be
pleased to inform us explicitly by what Law or Authority, the Two
Companies of Militia from Kent and Queen-Anne's Counties were
ordered to march, have proved ineffectual, we must proceed upon a
Presumption that your Excellency gave your Orders for that Pur-
pose, by Virtue of the Law for the Ordering and regulating the
Militia of this Province, for the better Defence and Security thereof,