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Wednesday, 11th April, 1759.

The House met according to Adjournment: The Members were called, and all appeared as Yesterday. The Proceedings were Read.

Philip Hammond, Esq; appeared in the House.

On Motion, Leave given, to bring in a Bill To reduce the Allowances of the Members of the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly:

Ordered, That Mr. Key, Mr. C. Goldsborough, Mr. T. Harris, Major Waggaman, and Mr. Cockey Deye, do prepare and bring in a Bill accordingly.

On Motion, Leave given, to bring in a Bill To disable any Member of the Lower House of Assembly from accepting an Office under the Government, whilst he is a Member thereof:

Ordered, That Mr. Key, Mr. C. Goldsborough, Mr. T. Harris, and Major Waggaman, do prepare and bring in a Bill accordingly.

Col. Tilghman brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker, the following 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.

p. 139 May it please your Excellency,

Upon the most mature Consideration of the Letters from the Right Honourable Mr. Secretary Pitt, his Excellency General Amherst, and Brigadier Stanwix, which accompanied your Excellency's Message of the 9th Instant, we think ourselves indispensibly obliged to express the grateful Sense we entertain of the fresh Instance his Majesty has been pleased to give of his tender and paternal Care of these Colonies, and to renew our Assurances to your Excellency, that we shall zealously exert our Endeavours to provide for and promote the several Services that have been so earnestly recommended to us. And it is with the greatest Concern we observe, that your Excellency has made Use of every Occasion to throw the Blame of the Failure of Duty to the King last Year on the Lower House of Assembly. Of the Justice or Propriety of your Excellency's applying to this Branch of the Legislature, the Censure on the Council and Assembly of this Province for that Failure contained in the Right Honourable Mr. Secretary Pitt's Letter, communicated to us at the Opening of this Session, let the Impartial judge from p. 140 the following Paragraph of that Letter: "I am commanded to signify to you the King's Pleasure, that you do forthwith use your utmost Endeavours and Influence with the Council and Assembly of your Province, to induce them to raise, with all possible Dispatch, within your Government, as large a Body of Men, as the Number and Situation of it's Inhabitants may allow; (in the due Performance of which Service, it is hoped and expected they will not again