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Behaviour, tho' the Members of your House could not but look upon as a Dissolution of the Committee of the Two Houses, yet considering it might possibly proceed from Inadvertence, were willing to give Time for any Proposal, which might be thought p. 387 proper to be made by the Gentlemen of the Upper House; but not having the least Intimation from, or Hopes of any further Intercourse with those Gentlemen, your Members concluded to report the whole Matter as soon as the Passage of the Bill for his Majesty's Service (on which your House had Resolved to proceed on Saturday) would permit.

Which being Read a first and second Time, the House concurs therewith; and thereupon Ordered, That Mr. Edward Tilghman, Mr. Matthew Tilghman, Mr. Carroll, Mr. Hammond, and Mr. Murdock, do prepare and bring in an Address of Condolance and Congratulation to his Majesty.

[Editor's note: The Address to the King as it appears in the Proceedings of the Lower House varies considerably from that recorded in the Proceedings of the Upper House. It is therefore printed in full on pages 474-475]

Mr. Ringgold brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker, the following Report:

Maryland, ss.^t

By the Committee appointed by the Lower House of Assembly to enquire into the Securities given by the several Naval Officers of this Province; as also to enquire into the Security given by Philip Lee, Esq; late Naval Officer of the District of Patowmack; and likewise to report who was Naval Officer of Pocomoke, and who were his Securities in the Year 1755.

Your Committee report, that they cannot find any Bonds or Securities of Naval Officers lodged in the Secretary's Office (where Office Bonds are usually lodged) and finding by the Act made in 1751 to oblige the Naval Officers to give sufficient Bonds for what Monies they shall receive belonging to the Public, that the Bonds so directed to be taken are by the said Act to be lodged with the Clerk of the Council for the Time being, and to be kept in the Council Office, one of your Committee applied to John Ross, Esq; Clerk of the Council, to permit them to see the Naval Officers Bonds, lodged there, and received for Answer, that the Bonds of the Naval Officers were taken payable to the Governor, and lodged amongst the p. 388 Records of his private Council, and that he could not permit your Committee to see them without Orders from the Governor; but that he would speak to the Governor about it, and since informed one of your Committee they could not be permitted to see them, without an Application from your House to the Governor. Your