

L. H. J.
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Saturday, May 2, 1761.

The House met according to Adjournment: The Members were called, and all appeared as Yesterday, except Mr. Greenfield, Mr. Hynson, Mr. Ringgold, and Mr. Hammond. The Proceedings were Read.

A Bill, entituled, An Act to augment the Salaries of the Inspectors at Elk-Ridge Landing Warehouse, in Anne-Arundel County, and for other Purposes therein mentioned;

A Bill, entituled, An Act to aid the Proceedings of the Vestry in St. Stephen's Parish, Cæcil County;

p. 407 A Bill, entituled, An Act to raise a Fund for the Support of an Agent in Great-Britain, for the Service of this Province;

A Bill, entituled, An Act for Erecting a Public Warehouse at Vienna-Town in Dorchester County;

Were severally Read, and will Pass.

Ordered, That Dr. Steuart and Col. Scarborough carry the said Bills to the Upper House.

Mr. Carroll brings the Ingrossed Address following:

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,

By the annexed Extract from the Report of the Committee of both Houses, to Inspect the Office and Proceedings of the Commissioners for Emitting Bills of Credit, established by Act of Assembly, and a Calculation added thereto, your Excellency will find, that Mr. Henry Darnall, Naval Officer of Patuxent District, has embezzled large Sums of Public Money; and as there is Reason to apprehend that a very considerable Part thereof is in Danger of being lost to the Province, we earnestly request, that you will not only cause the most effectual Steps to be taken for recovering the Money due to the Public, but that you will immediately remove him from his Office. We might here expatiate upon the Remonstrances that were ineffectually made against this Gentleman to your Excellency, by the Representatives of the People, when he acted in the Character of Attorney-General of Maryland; but we shall only just intimate, that the Objections that were then made to him, receive some Support from his corrupt Practices in the Office he fills at present: And as the Country may probably suffer very considerably by his Misdemeanors, we must beg Leave to recommend to your Excellency to be particularly cautious of disposing for the future of all Offices in such a Manner as to prevent a like Inconvenience.

p. 408 The Provision for Officers within this Government is very liberal, and when the Money drawn out of the Pockets of Individuals for