

Ordered, That Mr. Edward Tilghman, with Five more, do present the Address to his Excellency.

L. H. J.
Liber No. 51
May 2

Mr. Dorsey has Leave of Absence till Wednesday.

The Order of the Day being Read; the House proceeds to take the Petition of Capt. Evan Shelby into Consideration, and Referred the same to the Consideration of the next Session of Assembly.

His Excellency communicated to Mr. Speaker, the following Message:

Gentlemen of the Lower House of Assembly,

As it is not usual with me to order the Great Seal to be affixed to any Papers which I have not seen, you will, I hope, excuse me for declining to comply with your Request of Yesterday; besides, Gentlemen, altho' the Lower House of Assembly of this Province hath heretofore transmitted a separate Address to be presented to their Sovereign, yet I cannot learn that they ever desired to have the Great Seal affixed thereto; nor indeed can I conceive (tho' perhaps my ordering the Seal to be affixed to the Address you speak of, may be construed by some as a kind of Assent to it's Contents) that the Seal may be of any Consequence, since I cannot suppose you will desire any Person to present your Address, whose Character is not too well established, to leave any Room for his Majesty, or his Ministers, to suspect, that he would presume to offer any Address but an authentic One.

Hor.^o Sharpe.

2d May, 1761.

Which was read and ordered to lie on the table.

Charles Hammond, Esq; from the Upper House, delivers to Mr. Speaker, the Petition of John Paca, Robert Adair, and Margaret Paca; which was Read the first Time, and Ordered to lie on the Table.

The Journal of Accounts was Read and Assented to by the Lower House of Assembly. p. 411

Ordered, That Mr. Govane and Three more carry the Journal of Accounts to the Upper House.

The House adjourns till Monday Morning 9 of the Clock.

Monday, 4th May, 1761.

May 4

The House met according to Adjournment: The Members were called, and all appeared as on Saturday, except Mr. Beall, Mr. Govane, and Mr. Dorsey. The Proceedings were Read.

Mr. Ringgold, Mr. Hynson, and Mr. Hammond, appear in the House.

The House adjourns till the Morrow Morning 9 of the Clock.