

U. H. J.
Liber No. 36
March 22

To His Excellency Horatio Sharpe Esq^r Governor and Commander
in Chief in & over the Province of Maryland

The humble Address of the Upper House of Assembly

May it please your Excellency

To accept the thankfull acknowledgments of us His Majestys
dutiful & loyal Subjects for your Speech to both Houses of Assembly
at the opening of this Session

p. 13 Since the good Disposition & earnest Endeavours of our most
gracious Sovereign to restore the Publick Tranquality have been
unhappily frustrated We cannot but applaud the Wisdom of the
Resolution his Majesty ever attentive to the Welfare & true Interests
of his People hath thereupon taken and we entertain the most
sanguine hopes that his Majesty's good Subjects in North America
will by a ready Compliance with his Requisitions enable the Com-
mander in Chief of the Kings Forces on this Continent immediately
to prosecute with Vigour & Success the Ulterior Operations he may
have in Command from his Royal Master. Sensible in how dis-
advantageous a light this Province must at present appear to His
Majesty

Remembering with gratitude how these Colonies were by the
Vigorous Measures of a most excellent Sovereign & the extraor-
dinary Efforts of the Mother Country for their preservation but
a few years ago rescued from the most imminent danger anxious
to see our present Security firmly established by a good and hon-
ourable Peace & thankfull for the inestimable Blessings the In-
habitants of Maryland in common with their fellow Subjects derive
from His Majestys auspicious Reign We beg leave to assure your
Excellency that this House will embrace every Opportunity of mani-
festing their Loyalty Duty and attchment to the best of Kings and
that it will be to Us a matter of the highest Joy if the proceedings
of this New Assembly & the Issue of the present Session are such as
may incline our most gracious Sovereign to entertain a favourable
Opinion of all the Inhabitants of this Province

Benj^a Tasker President

Adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon

Eodem Die post Meridiem

This House met again according to Adjournment

Present as in the Morning

Read the Second time the Bill Entituled an Act for the Ad-
journment and Continuance of Prince Georges & Queen Anns County
Court passed & Sent to the Lower House by John Ridout Esq^r