

L. H. J.
Liber No. 52
April 23

Gentlemen, When did I aver that there has? You did indeed yourselves, by your first Address, put in for at least a Share of the Reprehension contained in the Secretary of State's Letter; for my Part I did no more than Caution you against the Measure which late Lower Houses had pursued, lest the not granting Supplies at this Time (whether through the Fault of the Upper or the Lower House, it was the same Thing) might be attended with fatal Consequences to the Province. But rather than engage any farther in a Dispute, which can answer no End to protract the Session, and increase the Public Debt, already exorbitant, I will admit, that the Words "Your Province will not obstinately persist" (in the Earl of Egremont's Letter) must refer to the Gentlemen of the Upper House alone, and that the Persistency of the Lower House in resolving again to offer a Bill, which the Upper had rejected eight or nine Times, without obviating the Objections the Upper House had made to it, is an Instance of the latter's Obstinacy. Nevertheless I cannot help thinking, that rather than bring on the Province or the Inhabitants in general, his Majesty's Displeasure, it would have been better for your House to have at this Time waved the Dispute, and offered a Bill on some or other of the various Plans, by which Money has been heretofore raised in this Province: At least such a Proceeding, would have manifested an earnest Desire on your Part to comply with his Majesty's Requisitions, and quite the contrary on the Part of the Upper House, had they refused a Bill for granting Supplies to his Majesty, on a Plan which they had never objected to, when Money was thereby to be raised for other Purposes.

Hor.^o Sharpe.

April 23, 1762.

[*Although the letters from Loudoun to Sharpe, quoted in full in the above message, have been previously printed in volumes IX and LV of the Archives, they are reprinted here, so as not to break the continuity of Sharpe's argument*]

The Report from the Committee to inspect the Public Offices, was Read the second Time, and the House Concur therewith.

Benedict Calvert, Esq; from the Upper House, delivers to Mr. Speaker, a Bill, entituled, An Act for destroying Crows and Squirrels in Baltimore County; thus Indorsed, By the Upper House of Assembly, 23d April, 1762. Read the second Time, and will Pass.

Which was here Read, and Passed for Ingrossing.

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

April 24

Saturday, April 24, 1762.

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