

L. H. J.
Liber No. 52
April 24

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

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 Report of the Committee of both Houses of Assembly, appointed to inspect the Office and Proceedings of the Commissioners of the Loan-Office, it appears to this House, that many Officers appointed to collect the several Duties under the £6000 and the £40,000 Acts, have been very remiss in their Duty. For your Excellency's fuller Information of the particular Failures, we beg Leave to refer you to an Extract from the said Report hereto annexed, and to intreat your Excellency to direct the most effectual Measures to be taken, to enforce the speedy Payment of those Deficiencies.

p. 83 From a View of the abovementioned Extract, your Excellency will also observe, a very unequal Collection of the Excise in the different Counties; by which it must appear, that some of the Collectors have not been so diligent as they ought to have been; we must therefore beseech your Excellency to make Use of all the Means in your Power, to compel the Collectors to be more active for the future, and thereby prevent a general Loss to the Province, as well as a great Disproportion of Burthen on Individuals, from the strict Collection of the Excise in some Counties, and the extraordinary Negligence of the Collectors in others.

We must beg Leave further to refer your Excellency to the sundry Arrearages mentioned in the said Extract, which have been long due to this Province on Account of the Ordinary Licences, from former Sheriffs, several of whom are dead; and to request that your Excellency will direct the proper Steps to be speedily taken for the Recovery of those Sums of Money, which otherwise may, in all Probability, be for ever lost to the Country.

Which was Read and Assented to, and Signed, by Order of the House, by the Honourable Speaker.

Ordered, That Mr. James Tilghman and Mr. Earle do acquaint his Excellency, That this House hath prepared an Address, to be presented to him, and desires to know when and where he will be pleased to receive it. They return and acquaint Mr. Speaker, That the Governor signified he would receive it immediately in the Council Chamber.

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

Mr. Murdock brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker the ingrossed Address to the King's most excellent Majesty