

L. H. J. People coming hither with a View to intimidate either Branch of the
 Liber No. 52 Legislature or to lay them under any Restraint We shall therefore
 Dec. 11 immediately take every Step in our Power to prevent any Measures
 that may have such Tendency to which End we pray your Excellency
 to lay before us the Evidences you have rec^d of the Arming or
 Assembling of any Bodies of People with that Intention.

We are very sorry to find such an Imputation on a Member of our
 House as that laid on Col.^o Cresap and we yet have Hopes that your
 Excel.^{ys} Information in that Pa^rlar is without just Foundation as it
 appears by our Journal that he has not attended the Houses since the
 22.^d Nov.^r at which Time we conclude he left this Place and when it
 could not be foreseen that any Difficulties would arise bet[̄] the two
 Houses in Relation to the Payment of any Public Claims

As we should be very far from countenancing in any of Our
 Members a Conduct tending to disturb the public peace and deprive
 any Branch of the Legislature of that Freedom of Debating and
 judging which is essential to the Constitution we think it a justice
 due to the Public as well as to Col.^o Cresap that this Charge ag.^t him
 should be examined and set in a true Light and therefore hope y.^r
 Exc.^y will co^municate to this House the Evidence on which the
 Charge contained in your Message is founded

which he read in his Place and afterwards del^rd in at the Table

The said Address being read the 1.st & 2.^d Time by the Clerk was
 approved by the House and Ordered to be Ingrossed

Sam.¹ Chase Esq.^r brings in and delivers to M^r Speaker a Bill
 Entitled an Act for destroying Crows and Squirrels in pa^rlar Counti-
 es which was read the first Time and Ordered to lye on the Table

Col.^o Tilghman brings in and delivers to M^r Speaker a Bill Entitled
 an Act for raising Str for every Hh.^d of Tobo exported
 out of this Province for the Support of an Agent at London for
 the Service of this Province which was read the first Time and
 Ordered to lye on the Table

The Bill Entitled an Act to compel free Negroes and Mulattoes
 to procure Certificates of their Freedom was read the first Time and
 Ordered to lye on the Table

Thomas Johnson Esq.^r brings in and delivers to M^r Speaker the
 Address (to the Governor) Ingrossed which was read and assented
 to and signed by Order of the House by the Hon.^{ble} Speaker

p.325 Ord^d that J Hollyday Esq.^r and M.^r Grahame do acquaint the
 Governor that the House hath prepared an Address to be presented
 to him and desires to know when and where he will receive it they
 return & acquaint M^r Speaker that the Governor signified he would
 receive the Address immediately in the Conference Chamber

Ord.^d that J. Hollyday Esq.^r do present the Address