

L. H. J. Instruction from the Honourable the Lower House of Assembly
 Liber No. 52 of the Province of Maryland to William Murdock Edward Tilghman
 Sept. 26 and Thomas Ringgold Esq.^{rs} a Committee Appointed to join the
 several Committees from the several Colonies in America at New
 York.

p. 248 Gentlemen you are to repair immediately to the City of New York
 in the Province of New York and there join with the Committees
 from the Houses of Representatives of the other Colonies in a
 General and united dutiful loyal and humble Representation to his
 Majesty and the British Parliament of the Circumstances and Con-
 dition of the British Colonies and Plantations and to pray relief
 from the Burthens and restraints lately laid on their Trade and
 Commerce and especially from the Taxes imposed by an Act of the
 last Session of Parliament Granting and Applying Certain Stamp
 Duties and other Duties in the British Colonies and Plantations in
 America whereby they are deprived in some Instances of that in-
 valuable privilege of Englishmen and British Subjects Tryals by
 Juries that you take care that such Representation shall humbly and
 decently but expressly contain an Assertion of the Rights of the
 Colonists to be exempt from all and every Taxations and Impositions
 upon their Persons and Properties to which they do not consent in a
 Legislative way either by themselves or their Representatives by them
 freely Chosen and Appointed

Which were read Approved and Signed by the Honourable
 Speaker

John Ridout Esq.^r from the Upper House Delivers to M.^r Speaker
 the following Message Viz^t

Gentlemen By the Upper House of Assembly Sept.^r 26:th 1765

We Approve of the Measure in Sending Commissioners from this
 Province to meet such as have been Appointed in the other Colonies
 in Order to Consult together on the present Circumstances of the
 Colonies and the Difficulties to which they are and must be reduced
 by the Operation of the late Acts of Parliament for laying duties
 and Taxes on the Colonies [*The Message beginning thus is printed
 in full in the Upper House Journal p. 10*]

Signed by Order U: Scott Clk Upper House

p. 249 On Motion the Question was put that the following Resolve
 entred on the Journals Viz^t Resolved that this House will not at
 this Meeting proceed to any other Business other than such as may
 be dependant on or relative to the Subject Matter of the said two
 Letters be Expunged

Resolved in the Negative