

signified he would receive the Address in a Quarter of an Hour's Time in the Council Chamber.

L. H. J.
Liber No. 52
Dec. 6

Ordered, That D. Wolstenholme, Esq and Col. Henry do present the Address.

The Representation of Jonas Green, was read the second Time, and Rejected.

The Bill, entitled, An Act to oblige infected Ships, and other Vessels, &^{ta} to perform Quarantine: And the Bill, entitled, An Act for the Payment of the Public Claims, &^{ta} were sent to the Upper House, by M.^r Hanson, and M.^r Wright.

T. Johnson, Esq brings in, and delivers to M.^r Speaker, the following ingrossed Address, Viz.^t

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,

In Answer to your Excellency's Message, with the Copy of the Letter you received from the Lords Commissioners for Trade and Plantations, we can only say, what is very generally known, that nothing has been set up in this Province, which deserves the Name of a Manufactory. It is true, that several Families make some of their coarse Cloathing, within themselves, but in so few Instances as not to deserve Notice; and that without any Encouragements from the Public, or even private Subscriptions, except the small Bounty lately paid by the County Courts on a few Pieces of Linen. Your Excellency may well report, from your own Sight and Knowledge, that the Inhabitants of this Province, from the first to the lowest Rank, are generally cloathed in British Manufactures. It is evident, we cannot import more of the British Manufactures than the Produce of our own Exports, with an Advantage to our Mother Country. The very heavy Burthen on Tobacco, and the small Nett Profit to the Planter, have already brought us greatly in Debt; from a Continuation therefore, of these Burthens, the Increase of the Price of those Manufactures, and their Decline in Quality, a Necessity must arise of Cloathing ourselves. Which was read and assented to, and Signed by Order of the House, by the Honble Speaker.

Ordered, That M.^r Lee, and M.^r Grahame, do acquaint the Governor, that this House hath prepared an Address to be presented to him, and desires to know when and where he will please to receive it. They return, and acquaint M.^r Speaker, that the Governor signified he was ready to receive the Address immediately, in the Council Chamber.

Ordered, That M.^r Lee, and M.^r Grahame, do present the Address p. 483 to the Governor

An ingrossed Bill, entitled, An Act for amending and repairing