

To his excellency Horatio Sharpe esquire; governor and commander
in chief in and over the province of Maryland

L. H. J.
Liber No. 52
May 26

The humble address of the house of delegates

May it please your excellency

We his majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects the delegates of the freemen of Maryland, in general assembly convened return your excellency our hearty thanks for your speech at the opening of this session.

We will take into consideration the several matters recommended by your excellency, and give them all the attention that is due to the nature and importance of them. And as your excellency is pleased to recommend the letters from Sir William Johnson, and the business of the indians to our consideration, in the first place, they shall be the subject of our immediate deliberations.

As we have nothing more at heart than the welfare and happiness of the people of this province, the assurances your excellency is pleased to give us, that we shall always find you ready to concur with us in every proper measure we can propose for the public good, cannot but merit our most grateful acknowledgements

Which was read and assented to, and signed by order of the house by the honorable speaker

Ordered that M.^r Hayward and M.^r Beall 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 M.^r speaker, that his excellency signified he would receive the address to morrow morning in the conference chamber

The house appoints M.^r Tyler, M.^r Parran, M.^r Chase, M.^r Johnson, M.^r Hayward, M.^r Goldsborough, and M.^r Mackall, a committee to inspect into the several public offices, and report to the house the state and condition of them

On motion, ordered, that M.^r Johnson, M.^r Goldsborough, and M.^r N. Thomas be a Committee to enquire what laws will expire this session, and make report thereof to the house

M.^r Edward Gantt and M.^r Charles Grahame, delegates returned for Calvert County, appeared in the house

Ordered that M.^r Parran and M.^r Mackall do go with those gentlemen to the upper house to see them qualified.

They return and acquaint M.^r speaker, that the gentlemen were qualified in the usual manner.

The gentlemen took their seats in the house

Ordered, that the petition relating to indian affairs, be again read.

The house appoints M.^r Johnson, M.^r Hollyday, M.^r Ringgold,