

L. H. J. To his Excellency Horatio Sharpe Esq:^r Governor and Command:^r
 Liber No. 52 in and over the Province of Maryland
 May 27 the Humble Address of the House of Delegates
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May it please your Excellency

We find by a Report of a Committee of this House Appointed to inspect into the State of the several Publick Offices a Copy of which we herewith Present to your Excellency that from the Examination which could at this time be made there are many Errors and Omissions in the Records of the Secretarys Commissarys and Land Office the evil consequences of Negligence or remissness in the Execution of Publick Offices the Records of which are almost the only Evidence of Property in this Province are but too Obvious We therefore hope your Excellency will use your Influence in directing the Errors and Omissions which have already happened to be rectified and Supplied as far as can be as also in Recommending in the Strongest manner a more exact Discharge of Duty to Gentlemen who enjoy such Publick Offices

Which was read and assented to and Signed by Order of the House by the Hon^{ble} Speaker

Ordered that Col.^o Tilghman and M.^r ff: Gantt do Acquaint his Excellency the Governor that this House hath Prepared an Address 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 would receive the Address immediately in the Conference Chamber

Ordered that Col.^o Tilghman with three more do present the Address

The House Adjourns till 2. of the Clock

Post Meridiem.

the House met.

the Order of the day being read the House took into Consideration the Petition of the Inhabitants of the Town of Baltimore in Baltimore County And Referred the said Petition to the consideration of next Assembly

On Motion Ordered that the Whole Proceedings of the Congress at New York be entered on the Journal and Which are as follows Viz:^t

[There immediately follows in the manuscript Votes and Proceedings, folios 399-426, the Proceedings of the Stamp Act Congress held October 1765 in New York City. These Proceedings are not repeated here as they have already been printed in full in the Appendix of Volume 59, pp. 327-356 from a contemporary pamphlet. Nor does Green print them at this point in his printed Votes and Proceedings]