

M.^r Ringgold brought in, and delivered to M.^r Speaker the following Address.

L. H. J.
Liber No. 54
Dec. 20

To his Excellency Robert Eden 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,

By an Account from the Treasurer of the Western Shore (a Copy of which is herewith laid before your Excellency) it appears that the Money arising by Ordinary Keepers, and Hawkers, and Pedlars Licenses, has not been paid in as the Law requires, and that there is remaining in the Hands of George Scott, late Sheriff of Frederick County, One Hundred and Sixty Pounds, received by him in Seventeen Hundred and Sixty Eight, and of Charles Somerset Smith, late Sheriff of Charles County, Forty Pounds received by him in Seventeen Hundred and Sixty-eight. And we apprehend there are also very considerable Sums in the Hands of the Sheriffs of Saint Mary's, and Baltimore Counties, received in that Year; but as the Clerks of both those Counties have neglected to return Lists, as the Law directs, the particular Sums cannot appear. And we beg Leave to observe to your Excellency, that although the Law directs the Money to be paid in Yearly, by the Twentieth Day of October, not one of the Sheriffs (except the Sheriffs of Calvert and Charles County) has paid any Money for the present Year. p. 59

Our Duty therefore obliges us to desire your Excellency will have the Bonds of the said Four Sheriffs, who did not pay in last Year's Receipts, put in Suit immediately; and if the Monies received this Year are not soon paid in, that the Bonds of such Sheriff, who shall delay to pay in, may also be put in Suit; and that you will take such Measures as shall be effectual for compelling the Clerks to a Discharge of their Duty. We are the more earnest in desiring a speedy Proceeding against the Sheriffs, as the Public has, at Times, suffered greatly by Loss of Money collected by the Officers.

Which was read, approved of, and Ordered to be engrossed

The Bill, entitled, An Act relating to Replevins, read the Second Time and will not pass. Sent to the Upper House by M.^r N. Thomas, and M.^r Griffith.

John Bealle Bordley Esq from the Upper House, delivered to M.^r Speaker, the Bill, entitled, An Act for raising Four Pence Sterling on every Hogshead of Tobacco exported out of this Province, for the Support of an Agent at London, for the Service of this Province; endorsed: "By the Upper House of Assembly, Dec.^r 16.th 1769 Read the First and Second Time by an especial Order, and will not pass.

Signed by Order U Scott Cl: Up: Ho:"