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L. H. J.  
Liber No. 54  
Oct. 23

M.<sup>r</sup> Allen brings in and delivers to M.<sup>r</sup> Speaker a Bill entitled An Act to unite the free-Schools of Somerset and Worcester Counties—Which was read the first and second Time by an especial Order and will pass—Sent to the Upper House by M.<sup>r</sup> Allen and M.<sup>r</sup> Steele—

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M.<sup>r</sup> Steele brings in and delivers to M.<sup>r</sup> Speaker a Bill entitled An Act to enable the Justices of Dorchester County Court to assess and levy on the taxable Inhabitants of the said County a Quantity of Tobacco for the Purpose of building a Court-House Which was read the first and second Time by an especial Order and will pass. Sent to the Upper House by M.<sup>r</sup> Allen and M.<sup>r</sup> Steele. They return and acquaint M.<sup>r</sup> Speaker they delivered the Bill

M.<sup>r</sup> Heugh, M.<sup>r</sup> Gantt, M.<sup>r</sup> Deye, M.<sup>r</sup> Ringgold, M.<sup>r</sup> Buchanan and M.<sup>r</sup> Beall appeared in the House.

On Motion, Leave given to bring in a Bill for regulating Lawyers fees and for other Purposes therein mentioned.

Ordered, That M.<sup>r</sup> John Hall, M.<sup>r</sup> Johnson, M.<sup>r</sup> Chase, M.<sup>r</sup> N. Thomas, M.<sup>r</sup> Mackall, M.<sup>r</sup> W. Paca, M.<sup>r</sup> Allen, M.<sup>r</sup> Worthington, M.<sup>r</sup> Tilghman, M.<sup>r</sup> Hooper and M.<sup>r</sup> Ringgold do prepare and bring in the same.

M.<sup>r</sup> Tilghman brings in and delivers to M.<sup>r</sup> Speaker the following ingrossed Address.

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,

The close Attention given to the Bill for amending the Staple of Tobacco has necessarily delayed our taking into Consideration the several Matters recommended to Us by your Excellency at the Opening of this Session—

We have now appointed a Committee to look into the State of the Criminal Law and report their Opinion to this House—Your Excellency will perceive by several Resolutions, a Copy of which is herewith presented, the Sense of this House on the other Matters recommended by your Excellency to our Consideration, and that we judge it necessary, before any Thing can be finally concluded respecting a Light-House, in Order to apportion the Expence, that the Quantity of Tonnage of all Vessels in each Province should be ascertained and transmitted to each respectively; We therefore request your Excellency will be pleased to order to be laid before this House an exact Account of the Quantity of Tonnage of all Vessels, as well

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