

Maryland, in Assembly convened, do, with sincere Hearts, return your Excellency our unfeigned Thanks for your kind and affectionate Speech, at the Opening of this Session.

We shall give that serious Attention, to the Matters recommended to us by your Excellency, relative to the Incroachment of the French on his Majesty's Territories, and engaging the Friendship of the Six Nations, which the interesting Nature and Importance of the Subject require.

We shall ever pay a great Regard to your Excellency's Recommendations to us; and do very thankfully receive, as the strongest Instances of your kind and good Intentions for the Ease and Welfare of this Province, your Proposals to fall upon some Methods to relieve ourselves from the excessive Charge and Burthen of Pensioners; and to erect a more perfect and public Seminary of Learning: And we assure your Excellency, nothing shall be wanting on our Parts, to promote and forward what we are fully convinced must be so generally advantageous to the Country.

P. HAMMOND, Speaker.

May 10, 1754.

The Governor's ANSWER.

Gentlemen of the Lower House of Assembly,

NOT to be highly pleased and affected with your most polite Address, would argue in me great Insensibility. Your giving so favourable a Hearing, to what a sincere Regard for the Honour and Prosperity of this Province, incited me to recommend to your Notice, challenges my kindest Acknowledgments; and the Disposition you show to embrace this Opportunity of testifying your Duty to his Majesty, and your Vigilancy for the Safety of your Constituents, affords me such Satisfaction and Pleasure, as cannot receive Addition, but from seeing you make such Provision as the Importance and interesting Nature of the Matters, at present under your Deliberation, do require and demand.

HOR^O. SHARPE.

ASSEMBLY AFFAIRS.

Wednesday, May 8, 1754.

IN the Afternoon, the Hon. Speaker, and 32 other Members, assembled at the Court-House. Two of the Members were sent to acquaint his Excellency, that a sufficient Number of Members to compose a Lower House of Assembly, were met.

Two of the Members of the Upper House, acquainted Mr. Speaker, that the Governor required his Attendance, and that of the whole House, immediately in the Upper House.

His Excellency made a Speech. [Printed in our last Gazette.]

Mr. Speaker, and the House, returned.

Ordered, That the Rules of last Session should be observed this Session.

Ordered, That the same Committees be continued.

Ordered, That the Hours of sitting, should be from IX to XII, and from II to VI.

Ordered, That a Writ of Election be made out and sent to the Sheriff of Worcester, to elect a new Member in the Room of Col. John Selby, late of that County, deceased.

The House adjourn'd.

Thursday, May 9.

Two more Members appeared this Day.

On reading again the Governor's Speech, the Committee of Laws were ordered to prepare an Address.

Ordered, That the Committee of Grievances do enquire into the Amount of the Allowances made by the several County Courts, for the Poor, for 3 Years past; and that they have Power to send for Persons, Papers and Records.

Resolved, That on Tuesday next, the House will take into Consideration, the subject Matter contained in his Excellency's Speech.

Friday, May 10.

Four more Members appeared in the House.

Post Meridiam. An Address to the Governor, was brought in, read, approved, and ordered to be ingrossed.

Ordered, That a Warrant be made out, directed to the Sergeant at Arms, to take into his Custody, the Sheriff of Kent, and bring him to the Bar of the House, to shew Cause why he doth not return the Writ of Election directed to him to elect a Delegate for said County, according to the Tenor thereof, and also the Indentures signed between him and the Electors, at the last Election.

The Address, ingrossed, was brought in, and signed by the Honourable Speaker; and was presented to his Excellency the Governor, by Col.

Hooper, and 12 more Members. [See the Address printed before, in this Paper.]

The House adjourn'd.

Saturday, May 11.

Ordered, That it be an Instruction to the Committee for inspecting the Loan Office, to order the Commissioners of the said Office, to make out a distinct Account to be kept in said Office, of the Amount of Interest arising on the several Loans made out of the Principal Money first emitted, to the 10th Day of April last; and that a Copy of such Account be immediately made out by the said Commissioners, and delivered to the Committee appointed by both Houses to inspect the Office and Proceedings of the said Commissioners; and also a distinct Account of what Sums are now due on any Loans made to the Public, on Acts of Assembly, distinguishing each Service and Act whereupon the same is due. And also the Balances now due from any Sheriffs, or others, on Account of the said Acts; and a general Account of the Stock of the said Office as it now stands.

Leave given, to bring in Bills. — For issuing Writs of Replewin out of the County Courts; — To prevent the Danger arising from the Importation of Irish and Scotch Convicts; — And, To exempt Ship Wrights, and others, when working in Ship Yards in building Ships or other Vessels, from being summoned to attend in repairing the Public Roads.

Then the House adjourn'd till Monday.



LONDON, March 7.

ACCORDING to the last Letters from Leghorn, the States of Barbary were never known to have so many Corsairs at Sea; but never had worse Success, the Number of their Prizes being small, and their Value so trifling, that all they have taken will scarce pay one hundredth Part of the Charge of fitting out their Privateers.

We are informed that out of 500 Men given by ten Regiments in Ireland to the Regiment going to India, many Regiments were eased of the Trouble of Drafting by the Numbers of Volunteers who offered themselves, particularly in the Royal Fusiliers, Col. Waldegrave's, and Colonel Murray's Regiments.

Extract of a Letter from Rotterdam, dated March 5.

A few Days since, two Men carried a large Basket into the House of an honest Baker here, who had a Wife, but no Children; and desiring it might remain there till they had transacted some Business in the next Street, they went away: But not returning agreeable to their Promise, the good Folks made bold to examine into the Contents of the Basket; and found to their great Surprise, a young Child, swathed in a Rich Suit, with a Bill, recommending the Infant to their Care, and about 140l. Sterling in Money. It may easily be imagined, how forcibly the Money pleaded in favour of the deserted Innocent.

WILLIAMSBURG.

May 3. On Wednesday arrived in Hampton Road the Jamaica Sloop of War, Capt. Du Bois, from South Carolina, having on Board an independent Company, which we hear will set off for Ohio next Week.

PHILADELPHIA, April 18.

We hear from Carlisle, in Cumberland County, that about three Weeks since John Hart, an Indian Trader, being arrested in his own House, and struggling with the Sheriff, one Moreton, a Neighbour, who happen'd to be present, interfer'd, and oblig'd the Sheriff to let go his Hold; and Hart getting into an inner Room, threaten'd to shoot the Sheriff, if he did not immediately leave the House, who accordingly went away. But Moreton being afterwards inform'd, that by rescuing Hart he was become liable to pay the Debt, unless Hart was retaken; he went with the Sheriff and some others to Hart's House, in order to take him: Hart, however, standing on his Defence, shot Moreton through the Head, dead upon the Spot, and then made his Escape.

April 25. Last Sunday, after a tedious Fit of Sickness; died here, very much lamented, THOMAS LAWRENCE, Esq; He had the Honour to be a Member of the Council of this Province, was President of the Court of Common-Pleas for the County of Philadelphia, had been five Times elected Mayor of this City, and in the Enjoyment of these Offices ended his Life. Characters are extremely delicate, and few or none drawn with Exactness, and at Length, are free of Blemish. Of this Gentleman, we think it may be truly said, he was an affectionate Husband, a tender Parent, a kind indulgent Master, and a faithful Friend. The Funeral was respectfully attended on Tuesday Evening by great Numbers of the principal Inha-

bitants of this Place, who justly regret the Death of so able and diligent a Magistrate as a public Loss.

To the Printer of the GAZETTE.

As the following Extract of a Letter from a Gentleman residing in one of the Colonies to the Northward, contains a more full and exact Account of the Armament sent last Summer from Canada, and of the pernicious Consequences that may attend the French settling on Ohio, than any I have as yet seen published, your inserting this in your next Week's Paper, may perhaps be agreeable to more of your Readers, than, Yours, &c.

April 8, 1754.

I am extremely sorry to hear that the Governments of Pennsylvania, and Maryland, have not view'd the Incroachments of the French in their proper Light; or, if they have; that they won't exert themselves at this Time of imminent Danger. Should the French once gain a Settlement on Ohio, they will then have great Advantages over the Southern Colonies, as must be obvious to every Person the least acquainted with their Situation. — In Time of Peace between the two Crowns, they will continually be spurring on the Indians in their Alliance, to murder and scalp the Inhabitants of your back Counties, in order to prevent the Extension of your Settlements; and, in Time of War, how easy will it be for a Number of Troops, collected from their several Forts, or perhaps sent from Old France for that Purpose, to make a Descent upon some one or other of the Colonies. What then must be the Consequence! — Unarm'd, and disunit'd as you are, will you be able to repel the Invaders, or prevent their ravaging and laying waste your Country, or hinder them from committing their too well known Barbarities on such of your Inhabitants as may fall within their Power? The evil Day may a while be put off, but sooner or later it will surely come, unless you rouse from the Lethargy you seem at present in, and make Use of those Means to protect yourselves which the Almighty has put in your Power; the most proper Way of doing which is, to obstruct those Incendiaries, the French and their Indians, from settling on your Frontiers. By a hearty Union of the Colonies, and proper Management, we might, with little Assistance from our Mother Country, not only dislodge the French from Ohio, but from Quebec itself. But to send three or four Hundred Men, against five times their Number, can answer no other End than to expose us to the Contempt of our Indian Allies, who will think themselves obliged to quit the Interest of those that seem unable to protect them.

You desire me to acquaint you with what I hear that may be depended on, concerning the Designs of the French, in sending so large a Number of Troops from Canada as they did the last Summer. In Answer to which I can inform you, that I have lately seen Mr. B——r, who was at Oswego at the Time their Forces passed by that Fort; who says, he learnt by sundry Deserters, and Others, that Monsieur Duquaine, the new Governor General of Canada, a young Gentleman formerly a Captain of a Man of War, declares, he will have a French Fort on each of the Waters that empty themselves into St. Lawrence, or Mississippi; that he believes the late Governors of Canada have been all asleep, but that he will make every Officer under him know his Duty, and do it. — That four or five Detachments were, during the last Summer, sent from Canada to the Ohio, making in the whole about 2000, besides Indians, under the Command of Monsieur Marin (or Morang as some call him) whose Knowledge of the Indians recommended him to the new Governor for that Office. The Detachment that accompanied Marin, consisted of about 40 or 50 large Battues, and Canoes, many of them supposed to carry more than 30 Men; they sailed within Musket Shot of Oswego, without ever striking their Colours, and had their Trumpets blowing, Drums beating, &c. This was in Sight of many of the Six Nations, and foreign Indians, who could not sufficiently express their Surprise at such an Armament; and asked whether the English and French were not at Peace. — Some of these Troops return'd to Canada to Quarters during the Winter, but great Part of them were left, as it supposed, at the Forts on and near the Lakes, to be ready to go down the Ohio early in the Spring: Those that returned had with them the Pennsylvania Indian Traders so often mentioned to be taken by the French on Ohio; these poor Wretches were in Irons, and lodged a Night within a few Miles of Oswego. One of the famous Chiefs of the Cahuga Nations, proposed to some of the Traders to attack the French, and recover the Prisoners, but they could not muster a sufficient Party to do this. — Monsieur Marin built two or three Forts, but many Disputes arising between him and his Officers, together with a severe Fit of the Gout, made him desire to quit his Command.

for which Purpose, an Express was sent to Canada, and I suppose the same Express to Governor Dinwiddie's Officer, who, if he exceeds Marin's Party as he does in Politeness, and Quality of Service to those who have the Honour taken Prisoners in that Country, — and his Son, some Years ago in Canada, all the main Aims of the French, Savagery of the Indians, with Politeness of the former, or more Gradual of the latter. The French when the brave Donabrow, Capt. Biffen Sloops, was decy'd aboard Sen was one of his Party: As a Fiftury, the old Man shew'd me which he, and the young Brute, made of the Skin of poor Donabrow: He had also Donabrow's Ring, pointed me he cut the Finger off: It cut off easily. After this, I saw the Men who were Prisoners, formed the above, but assured me he did himself cut off several Pieces of the Indian's Flesh, and threw them in the water, as the Cannibal Sen, and were roasted, the Cannibal Sen, and threw them with their Teeth. — The Specimen of the Neighbours you are a

May 9. We hear that the Governor of this Province have voted Ten thousand Pounds, to be given to the King's Use, and also Five Hundred Pounds, to be given to the King's Use, of this Province, as a Present to the Six Nations at the Treaty proposed Albany in June next.

ANNAPOLIS.

A Dead Warrant is gone down for the Execution on Friday the Samuel Knowler, alias Nollar, who were condemned at the last County, for Felony and Burglary.

Sunday last died, at his Place in this County, in an advanced Age, Col. who was in his younger Years, one of the ablest of that County, one of the best for three Years their Sheriff, 1729, he was appointed one of the Provincial Court, and at the same time was Chief Justice of the Province; he was a public Officer, gain'd him Applause and Character, as Husband, a Neighbour, he was truly exemplar.

About 2 or 3 o'Clock Yesterday a Gust of Thunder, Lightning and with but little Wind. The Lightning of one of Mrs. Marriott's Chimney Street, and run down one Side of the close Closet at the Head of the of the Doors, scorch'd the Paper, and hung down sundry Leaves, in several Places; on the other Side Room over the Kitchen, it broke down a Person there in Bed, splitting which flied against the Wall, and the Kitchen among some Pewter Plates them as they stood in Rows, and them, some in one place only, others and four, but did not make Holes of them; they look as if they had been Soldering Iron, and many of them

Yesterday a Vote, passed the Assembly, for granting 3000l. to the Expedition; and 500l. for a Present to the Indians, at the Treaty to be held Month.

To Mr. JONAS OSBORN, S.I.R.

THOUGH I can make no profession to Learning myself, enough to discover the great Advantage to engage me in it's Interest: I could see in one of your late Papers Piece shewing the Expediency of settling in this Province, whereby the late to Philadelphia for the Education (as in all good Policy they ought to be) could scarce have thought been so considerable as 5000l. I paid to the Pennsylvania's; but I believe that that the Writer is what he has confined himself to that the pecuniary Interest; and has not to enlarge upon the Subject, I will a few Thoughts upon it.

And first, I believe I may safely that the People of this Province