

of a Letter from Lisbon, dated Dec. 24. His Britannick Majesty, on bearing of the Catastrophe of this Place, resolved with the both Houses of Parliament, to send his Majesty the Succours as by the List (attached) which is vastly well taken by the and hope will make them henceforward scarce to our Commerce:---We are daily with small Stocks: And we are very sorry to see a Ship from your Place, that you felt a severe Reb ultimo; which was the same that de Juan, Fez, and Mequenez. [The former of these consisted of 30,000 Souls; the Number of the latter uncertain.] God grant that we be delivered from such Visitations.---Affairs Great-Britain and France, continue still in the present from England to Portugal, 1000 in Portugal Gold.---£. 20,000 in Dollars.---6000 Barrels of Breef.---4000 Butter.---1200 Barrels of Rice.---1000 Biscuit.---10,000 Quarters of Flour.---1000 Hides of Hoes, Pick-axe, and other Tools: Shots, Stockings, Hats, &c. and princely Present, and well-placed [this]

NAPOLIS, February 26. Weather proving bad on Friday and Saturday the General Assembly of this Province meet till Monday, when they met; and the Honorable HORATIO SHARPE, Esq; our Governor, open'd the Session, with the following Speech:

Gentlemen of the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly,

LET me at this Time to give you an opportunity of providing for your own safety, and of contributing to the Execution of a Plan, that, in Obedience to his Majesty's Instructions to General Shirley, has been concerted, for preventing the farther Encroachments of his Majesty's ambitious Enemies on his American Dominions, and dispossessing them of what they have most unjustly, and in manifest Violation of Treaties, lately made themselves of. In Confidence that you will keep this secret, I shall, for your Satisfaction, lay before you a Copy of the Minutes of the Proceedings of a Council of War, held at New-York, with some Papers that I received from General, therewith; whence you will learn what Supplies are expected from his Majesty's Colonies on the Continent, towards carrying the proposed Plan into Execution: And as you are affected with as deep a Concern of the Danger of suffering the Enemy to make any farther Progress, and of your Duty to his Majesty, as any of your Fellow Subjects in neighbouring Provinces, I persuade myself I shall acquire yourselves, on this Occasion, as the most Zealous of them; and that you will heartily exert your utmost Endeavours to those Enterprizes Successful that are under your common Safety, and in the Event which we are so nearly interested.

Let me not observe to you, that our Circumstances and Prospects are much altered since last Year; you are all too well acquainted with the Proceedings of the Expedition, in which the Majesty had been graciously pleased to order from Europe to our Assistance, and some of the Forces, were then engaged, and the Consequences thereof to these Southern Colonies: of the Delaware and Shawanese Tribes; who when esteemed our Friends, the French, by their Artifices, have now withdrawn from their Allegiance to his Majesty's Subjects, and instigate them to make our Frontier Inhabitants feel the Experience the Calamities of an Indian War; Impunity have these Blood-thirsty Savages great Part of Three Provinces Desolate; and with Victory they bid us Defiance, and threaten, that their cruel Rage will not be satisfied with less than our Extirpation; But I do not enlarge on this Topic, lest I should be suspected, that your Resentment is not sufficiently raised by the Conduct of these Savages, or that you continue indifferent Spectators of their Transactions: That such a Suspicion would be groundless, and most unjust, I am content; and flatter myself, that you will let me, at this Time, divert you from providing for their Incurfions for the future, and for Services that I have now recommended to your Consideration.

Gentlemen, the Reasons that induced you, at your last Session, to make an Act for preventing Warlike Stores

Stores and Provisions being carried from this Province, to our Enemies, still subsist, you will, I doubt not, think proper to revive it: Lest any ill-disposed Persons should have taken Advantage of that Act's Expiring, before I could give you an Opportunity of Continuing it, I ordered the Naval-Officers to take, of such Persons as should export Provisions or Warlike Stores, Security for their being Landed at some Port or Place within his Majesty's Dominions, as was directed by that Law, and as is done in all the neighbouring Colonies: As this Step was expedient and necessary, I hope it will meet with your Approbation.

I beg Leave to mention once more the Insufficiency of our Laws to oblige the Service of any one in Defence of their Country, hoping that you will take the same under your Consideration; and as our Safety at this Season, must, in a great Measure, depend on the Militia's being well Armed, Disciplined, and under proper Regulations, that you will supply the Defects of the Militia-Laws at present in Force, with such an Act, as the Situation of Affairs at this Juncture calls for and requires.

To his Excellency HORATIO SHARPE, Esq; Governor and Commander in Chief in and over the Province of MARYLAND. The humble ADDRESS of the Upper House of ASSEMBLY.

May it please your Excellency, WE beg Leave to return your Excellency our unfeigned Thanks for your Speech, at the Opening of this Session; and to assure your Excellency, it is with the deepest Concern we see the Miseries our Fellow-Subjects daily suffer from cruel and barbarous Savages, and his Majesty's Territories possessed by the faithless French, in open Violation of the most solemn Treaties: And we rejoice to hear from your Excellency a Plan has been concerted by General Shirley, for preventing their farther Encroachments, and for dispossessing them of what they have most unjustly made themselves Masters of: We sincerely wish it Success; and shall, with the greatest Cheerfulness and Alacrity, contribute all in our Power to enable the General to carry it into Execution, being perfectly convinced, that, without the most vigorous and joint Efforts of all his Majesty's Colonies, at this Time, we run the greatest Risque of losing every Thing we hold dear.

The Laws your Excellency recommends to us, for better regulating the Militia, and for preventing the Exportation of Warlike Stores and Provisions to the Enemy, we think absolutely necessary, and such Laws shall meet with our hearty Concurrence.

Permit us, Sir, to take this Opportunity thankfully to acknowledge your zealous Concern for the Welfare of the Province, manifested after the Defeat of his Majesty's Forces, when you hastened to the Frontiers, and put them in the best Posture of Defence Things would, at that Time, admit; and to declare, that we think, from this prudent Conduct of your Excellency's, our Borders have been preserved from the Calamities our Neighbours now suffer. B. TASKER, President.

The Governor's ANSWER. Gentlemen of the Upper House of Assembly, BE pleased to accept my grateful Acknowledgments for your obliging Address. Your Observation that nothing less than the most vigorous and joint Efforts of all his Majesty's Colonies, can check the Progress of our ambitious and merciless Enemies, is most just; and I am persuaded, that you will cheerfully contribute all in your Power to the Success of every Undertaking, whereby the Security and Welfare of this Province, as well as his Majesty's Service, may be promoted.

Though I cannot assume any Merit from the Journey, which a Desire of serving the Frontier-Inhabitants, prompted me to undertake, on the unhappy Occasion mentioned in the latter Part of your Address, yet it gives me the greatest Satisfaction to find, that the People of Maryland have, by any Means, escaped the Miseries and Calamities which the neighbouring Colonies have suffered. HOR. SHARPE.

To his Excellency HORATIO SHARPE, 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,

WE, his Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Delegates of the Freemen of

Maryland, in Assembly convened; beg Leave to return your Excellency our most sincere Thanks for your kind Speech, at the Opening of this Session: An Opportunity to provide for our immediate Safety, and to contribute to the Execution of a Plan that has been concerted (in Obedience to his Majesty's Instructions to General Shirley) for preventing the further Encroachments of his ambitious and perfidious Enemies, on his American Dominions, and dispossessing them of what they have, in a Time of full Peace, in open Violation of the most solemn Treaties, made themselves Masters of, we embrace with the greatest Pleasure, as most agreeable to our Wishes.

We flatter ourselves our Behaviour on this so highly important Occasion, will fully demonstrate, that your Excellency's Confidence of our keeping Secret the Copy of the Minutes of Proceedings of a Council of War, held at New-York, together with the other Papers, therewith, by your Excellency, for our Satisfaction, laid before us, is well grounded: And we will, after paying a due Regard to our own immediate Safety, with the greatest Cheerfulness and Expedition, Grant such Supplies as can be reasonably expected from this Province, towards carrying the proposed Plan into Execution. And being as deeply affected with a Sense of the Danger of suffering the Enemy to make any further Progress, and of our Duty to the best of Sovereigns, as any of our Fellow-Subjects in the neighbouring Colonies can be, we hope to acquit ourselves as well as the most Zealous of them: Nor shall it be for Want of our cheerfully exerting our utmost Endeavours (consistent with the Rights and Privileges of our Constituents) to promote and forward them, if unhappily those Enterprizes that may be undertaken for our common Safety, and in the Event of which we are so nearly interested, should not prove Successful.

That our Circumstances and Prospects are much altered since last Spring, by the Issue of the Expedition, in which the Troops that his Majesty was graciously pleased to order from Europe to our Assistance, and some of the Provincial Forces, were then engaged, and with the Consequences thereof to these Southern Colonies, we are unfortunately too well acquainted: But whether by that Event, by French Artifices, or by any other Means, the Delaware and Shawanese Tribes of Indians (till then esteemed our Friends) have been terrified, or seduced from their Attachment to the British Interest, and instigated to carry on a most cruel and inhuman War, we are most sensibly affected with, and feel with ardent Indignation, the most severe Calamities which the Frontier-Inhabitants (especially of our Sister Colonies) have for some Time been, and we understand still, are exposed to, from so active, fierce and merciless Enemies.

To multiply Words on a Subject so shocking to human Nature, might perhaps afford Occasion of Suspicion, that most of us being remote from the horrid Scene, our Resentment is not yet sufficiently raised at the audacious Conduct of those Blood-thirsty Barbarians, and that we continue cool and indifferent Spectators, of their more than inhuman Transactions, tho' flushed with Success, and triumphing at having lately depopulated and laid waste considerable Parts of Three Provinces, they now insolently boast, that nothing less than our utter Extirpation shall appease their Savage Fury; but we should be wanting in Gratitude to your Excellency, if we did not return you our hearty Thanks for the Confidence you are pleased to express, that such a Suspicion would be groundless, and most unjust, and we cannot figure to ourselves any Thing that can at this Time divert us from making a Provision suitable to the Circumstances of the People we represent, against their Incurfions for the future, and for the Services recommended to our Consideration by your Excellency.

As we are convinced the Reasons that induced us to make an Act at our last Session, to prevent Warlike Stores and Provisions being exported from this Province to our Enemies, still exist, we will, with all possible Dispatch, revive that Act: Your Excellency's Expedient for preventing ill-disposed Persons from taking Advantage of its Expiration, being a Transaction, we conceive, not warrantable by Law, we are sorry we cannot give it the Approbation your Excellency seems to desire; tho' at the same Time we are fully convinced it was the Effect of your earnest Intentions for promoting his Majesty's Service, and the Interest of the common Cause.

As the most natural Strength of every free Go-

vernment (and on which we apprehend we must at this Season chiefly depend for our Security) consists in a well-armed and well-regulated Militia, a proper Law for that Purpose shall be one great Object of our Deliberations. And we take Leave to assure your Excellency, we entertain the most sanguine Hopes that the Unanimity and Dispatch, which will attend the Proceedings of the several Branches of the Legislature, at this Time of uncommon and imminent Danger, will clearly demonstrate to all the World how much they have at Heart the Honour of his most Sacred Majesty, and the Safety and Welfare of his American Dominions. H. HOOPER, Speaker.

The Governor's ANSWER.

Gentlemen of the Lower House of Assembly, AS I conclude that your Conduct, during this Session, will correspond with, and be agreeable to, your Professions, your obliging Address gives me much Satisfaction; and makes me also entertain very sanguine Hopes, that the several Branches of the Legislature, will, by their Proceedings at this Time of imminent Danger, demonstrate, that they have nothing more at Heart, than the Honour of his most Sacred Majesty, and the Safety and Welfare of his American Dominions.

HOR. SHARPE.

On Monday last, the Honourable the Lower House of Assembly, ordered, That Writs of Election should be issued, for the Choice of a Representative in this County, in the Room of Dr. Charles Carrall, deceased: And in Worcester County, for one in the Room of Major John Dennis, now Sheriff of that County.

Monday the 8th of March is appointed for the Election in this County.

We hear that on the 11th Instant, near John McDowell's Mill, in Cumberland County, in Pennsylvania, the Dwelling-House of the Widow Cox was burnt to the Ground, and two of her Sons either killed or taken Prisoners, by the Indians.

At the same Time as a Man was going a little Distance from the said Mill, on Horse-back, it is supposed he was shot and carried off by the Indians, as the Horse soon after returned without his Rider.

And that on the 19th, at a Place call'd the Patb-Valley, near Blair's Fort; as two Men were cleaning Grain in a Barn, they were beset by a Party of Indians, one of whom escaped, but the other was kill'd.

Extract of a Letter from Conococheague, dated Feb. 24. "We are in the greatest Distress here, besides the Danger we are exposed to, and the Shortness of our Crops. We are now full of People, who have been obliged to leave their Plantations, to avoid falling into the Hands of the Savages. Poor as we are, we can't refuse a little Part of our poor Stock to our Fellow-Subjects, who are reduced to begging their Bread. Last Friday the Indians killed three Men in the Gap of the Mountain; and we have certain Accounts that there is a large Body, who, we expect, will fall upon this Settlement. This Day we have an Account, that 3 or 4 Persons have been killed by the Savages near the Line. We don't know what to do; 'tis hard to give up our Livings, and yet, unless we are assisted, that will be the best which we are to expect. The People about ten or twelve Miles beyond us, have left their Plantations upon this Alarm." JOSEPH MAYHEW."

Upper-Marlborough, Feb. 20, 1756.

WHEREAS, by the repeated Encouragement of his Friend Mr. William Potts, the Subscriber set up several printed Advertisements of his Intentions to attend at Annapolis, Upper-Marlborough, and Baltimore, to Teach the Use of the Foil, and with the said Advertisements sent several printed Copies of his Method of Teaching, as it is diametrically opposite to that in Use (and even an Improvement on Lord Marcar's safe Method), by which he has brought Gentlemen in Barbados, Antigua, &c. beyond Expectation forward.---The Subscriber arriving in Capt. Scovall, in December, got as far as this Town on his Way, but was hindered by a severe Relapse of his Disorder, which confined him to his Room and Bed: He is now so much mended as to hope soon to proceed, intending then to give Notice in the GAZETTE of his Public Schools; and also of his Readiness to wait on Gentlemen in private, who desire his Instructions in that Mann'r, relating to the Use of the Foil, Globes, Geography, Mathematics, and Natural Philosophy, with several other Things useful in Life, &c. &c. In all which Gentlemen and Ladies may command the Attendance of Their very humble Servant, JULIUS CÆSAR PARKE.

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