

You will perceive by the extract from the Duke of Newcastle's letter, that his Majesty does not expect any money to be absolutely given by this province; but only to be raised as a pre-supply for our own levies, 'til such time as the whole expense of the American troops can be laid before the parliament of Great Britain, that provision may be made for the payment thereof.

And indeed it seems necessary for the security of the American provinces in general, that all possible encouragement should be given to people to enter into his Majesty's service; for should the French prevail against those who are nearest to them, the distant might soon feel the fatal effects of such a misfortune.

This I think no doubt you will take into your serious consideration; and give it all the attention that an affair of so much importance requires.

His Excellency SAMUEL OGLE, 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 are satisfied your Excellency would not have called us together at this late and severe season, but in obedience to his Majesty's command, and from your zeal to his service.

We are sensible that the French will embrace every opportunity to annoy his Majesty's dominions, and distress his subjects; that it is the indispensable duty of all Britons to contribute their utmost endeavours to defeat the designs of so dangerous an enemy.

As to our own parts, we assure your Excellency, that nothing but our power shall ever be wanting to demonstrate our loyalty to our most gracious sovereign, or to disappoint the schemes of his Majesty's enemies against his sacred person and government, and to our own security, and that of our fellow subjects.

B. TASKER, President.

The Governor's ANSWER.

Gentlemen of the Upper House of Assembly, RETURN you thanks for your kind address; and am well satisfied of your zeal for his Majesty's service, and the security of our fellow subjects in general, as well as the interest of this province in particular.

SAM. OGLE.

His Excellency SAMUEL OGLE, Esq; Governor of Maryland;

The humble ADDRESS of the House of DELEGATES. May it please your Excellency,

Your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the delegates of the freemen of the province of Maryland, in duty conveyed, return your excellency our sincere thanks for his kind expressions in your speech, at the opening of this session.

The inclemency of the weather has rendered the meeting in assembly at this time very difficult, by the deepness of the snow, the bay and rivers being frozen: But our duty to his Majesty, determined resolutions to do every thing in our power to answer his royal expectations, make us bear the present inconvenience with great cheerfulness.

We will immediately take the subject matter recommended in your excellency's speech, and the extract of the duke of Newcastle's letter, into our serious consideration; and determine the opinion, agreeable to the present circumstances of the province we represent.

EDWARD SPRIGO, Speaker.

The Governor's ANSWER.

Gentlemen of the Lower House of Assembly, RETURN you my hearty thanks for your obliging address, and the resolution you express to do every thing in your power to answer his Majesty's expectations, agreeable to the present circumstances of the province.

SAM. OGLE.

His Excellency SAMUEL OGLE, Esq; Governor of Maryland;

The humble ADDRESS of the House of DELEGATES. May it please your Excellency,

Your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Delegates of the freemen of Maryland, in Assembly convened, taking under our serious consideration the extract of the Duke of Newcastle's letter laid before us, recommending the adding money for the payment of the levies raised by this province on the late intended expedition against Canada, as well as the ways and means in our power for complying with his

Majesty's hopes and expectations therein, beg leave, under the greatest concern, to represent to your excellency, that the vast charge and expence the people of this province have already been at, in levying; maintaining here, transporting to Albany, in the province of New York, the place of general rendezvous; and further supplying those levies with provisions there; together with the heavy taxes, and other difficulties, under which the people we represent now labour; have rendered it altogether impracticable for us to raise or advance any sum for payment of the said forces. And as no farther business lies before this house, we pray your excellency will please to put an end to this meeting.

EDWARD SPRIGO, Speaker.

After which his Excellency prorogued the Assembly with the following Speech:

Gentlemen of the Lower House of Assembly,

I WISH with all my heart you could have thought of any way of answering his Majesty's expectations at this time, in relation to our own levies, agreeable to the zeal you have hitherto shewn upon the like occasions; but as you represent it impracticable for us to raise or advance any further sum for the payment of the said forces, nothing remains for me to do, but to put an end to this assembly.

Gentlemen of both Houses,

I have therefore thought fit with the advice of his Majesty's Council of state, to prorogue this assembly to the second Tuesday in May next: And you are to take notice you are prorogued to that day accordingly.

Custom-House, ANNAPOLIS, Entered, Schooner Charming Polly, William Bihings from Boston. Cleared.

Brigt. Neptune, Allen Boyd for London. Brigt. Mary and Elizabeth, John Harding for London. Sloop Sea Flower, Patrick Burn for Virginia. Ship Lydia, William Tiffin for London. Schooner Charming Molly, Thomas Tyler for Virginia.

ADVERTISEMENTS.

NOTICE is hereby given, that the Subscriber has removed from Joseph Richardson's to Mrs. Mary Watkins's on West River, about three Miles distant; where any Persons may have my Assistance, as a Physician or Surgeon. T. LINGAN. December 21, 1747.

STOLEN out of the House of the Subscriber, in Annapolis, on Tuesday, the 22d of this Instant, the following Things, viz. One Double Doubloon; Four Pistoles; one large Gold Ring, with a Heart on it, marked T C; one large Pair of plain Silver Shoe Buckles, marked A F; one Pair of Silver Buttons; one Pair of Knee Buckles, marked T C; one Pair of Shoe Clasps; and one Woman's Shoe Buckles.

Whoever will bring the said Things to the Subscriber, shall have Two PISTOLES Reward; or in Proportion for any Part. JOHN CAMPBELL.

THE Court-House of Prince George's County being now of Wood, and very much decayed, the Shingles also being so much worn, that in driving Rains and Snow, the Records get wet; by which the Properties of all those concerned in the said Records are endangered: The Justices of the said County have therefore resolved to repair the said House, and make the Walls of Brick, having levied a Quantity of Tobacco on the Inhabitants of the said County; and have accordingly appointed us the Subscribers, to endeavour to agree with Workmen to do the said Work. And as the present Court-House is vastly too small, there is a Subscription for making such Additions, as are necessary to make the said House beautiful and convenient. The whole Work will be a considerable Job.

Any Person or Persons inclinable to undertake the same, are desired to be at Upper-Marlborough, on the 29th Day of February next; where Attendance will be given for that purpose.

December 14, 1747.

EDWARD SPRIGO, THO. MARSHALL, FRANCIS WARING, JOHN COOK.