

our Parts, your Indifferency at this juncture requires from us the more Vigilance and Care, and we are so thoroughly attached to the Duty we owe to his Majesty and the Country at this Juncture, that if we cannot procure some better Provision for our Defence, we will not weaken what we have.

Signed *per* Order, J. Ross, Cl. Up. Ho.

Mr. Speaker Communicated the following Message from his Excellency the Governor, *viz.*

Gentlemen of the Lower House of Assembly,

AS the present Situation of our Affairs, requires the Government to do every thing in it's Power, to put the Country into the best State of Defence; I have with the Concurrence of the Council thought it necessary, to send immediately to Great-Britain for a large Quantity of good and serviceable Arms, with a proportionable Quantity of Ammunition; but the present Laws for regulating the Militia, not being sufficiently clear in their Directions about distributing our Arms and Ammunition throughout the several Counties, the Colonels not being willing or obliged to make themselves answerable for them, and there being no Place of any Strength or Security in this City to lodge them in, I am very desirous of having your Advice and Assistance in an Affair of so very great Importance to the Province.

SAM. OGLE.

The House Adjourns to 2 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Post Meridiem.

Mr. Goldsborough appeared this Afternoon.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act Reviving an Act, entitled, An Act for Naturalization :*

On Motion to be Read a Second Time, was Rejected.

The House Adjourns to the Morrow Morning at 9 of the Clock.

Wednesday Morning, May 14. 1740.

THe House Met according to Adjournment, &c.

The following Address to his Excellency, was brought in, Read, Approved, and Ordered to be Ingrossed :

To his Excellency SAMUEL OGLE, Esq; Governor of *Maryland :*

The humble Address of the House of Delegates of the said Province.

May it please your Excellency,

THe Remonstrance, Two Orders of Council, and Letters that passed on the Occasion mentioned in your Message of the 13th Instant, were Ordered to be Entred on our Journal before we received that Message :

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