

We now earnestly recommend to your serious Consideration, whether there ever was a more pressing Occasion for our putting ourselves in a Posture of Defence, than at this critical Juncture; when a War is declared by the *French* against our Sovereign, and that the *French* are numerous and well disciplined on this Continent, and want neither Skill nor Industry to stir up the *Indians* against his Majesty's Subjects: We hope you will consider these Things with the Attention they deserve, that they will have their due weight with you, and that you will be of Opinion, that the best Proof you can possibly give of your Loyalty to his Sacred Majesty, and Regard for the Security and Welfare of your Constituents, will be, to come into such measures, as self-preservation seems to us plainly to dictate, wherein you may depend on our hearty Concurrence.

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

*Col. Hammond*, from the Upper House, delivers Mr. Speaker the Bill entitled, *An Act for the Relief of Francis O Connor, &c.* Indorsed "By the Upper House of Assembly, June 1. 1744. Read the Second Time and will Pass, with the following Amendment; the Words *the Sheriffs Fees being first deducted* to be added in the 18th Line of the 5th Page after the Word *sale*." Signed per Order, *J. Ross*, Cl. Up. Ho.

Which Bill was here Read, and with the Amendment proposed, passed for Ingrossing.

*James Hollyday*, Esq; from the Upper House, delivers Mr. Speaker the Bill entitled, *An Act for issuing Writs of Replevin out of the County Courts of this Province*; and the Bill entitled, *A supplementary Act to the Act entitled, An Act for the Relief of Debtors, &c.* severally Indorsed, "By the Upper House of Assembly, June 1, 1744. Read the Second Time and will not Pass."

*Mr. Goldsborough* delivers Mr. Speaker the following Ingrossed Address:

To his Excellency *THOMAS BLADEN, Esq; Governor of Maryland*:

The humble ADDRESS of the HOUSE OF DELEGATES.

May it please your Excellency,

WE acknowledge your Favour in acquainting this House with the Deficiency before your Arrival, in the Money allow'd by Act of Assembly for Building a Governor's House, and we hope for your good Offices in having it communicated to this House in what manner the laid Money was expended.

And we beg leave to inform your Excellency, that in compliance with your Desire, we passed a Bill for raising Nine Hundred Pounds, for prosecuting the Building aforesaid, in such manner as would best suit the People of this Province, and as we conceive, would have been effectual for the Purpose; but the said Bill was returned to us by the Upper House with a Negative.

Which was Read and Assented to, and Signed by Order of the House by the Honourable Speaker.

Ordered, That *Mr. Lloyd* and *Maj. Hall* acquaint the Governor, this House hath prepared an Address to him, and desires to know when and where he will receive it: They return and acquaint Mr. Speaker the Governor will be ready to receive it presently in the Conference Chamber.

Ordered, That *Mr. Smith* and *Mr. John Goldsborough* present the Address to the Governor: They return and acquaint Mr. Speaker they presented it.

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