

portant Conquest; as it is not doubted but the French King, our common Enemy, will with suitable Force endeavour to regain it. We shall therefore, to manifest our unfeigned Duty and Loyalty to his Majesty (altho' by his gracious Condescension exempted from the least Demand,) proceed to give such a Support for the protecting and securing of the City of *Louisburg* against any Attempt of the Enemy, in such Manner as the indigent Circumstances of our Constituents will admit: And shall likewise, for Dispatch, allow this Proceeding the first Place in our Consultations; and, in Compliance with our Duty, also carry on with due Order and Circumspection, every other Branch of Business that lays properly before us, altho' not recommended by your Excellency: And act and do in every respect, the Duty of good Subjects, faithful Representatives, and true Lovers of our Country.

Being prepared, was ordered, on Behalf of the House, to be signed by the Honourable Speaker; which being done,

Ordered, That Col. *King* and Major *Henry Hall* acquaint his Excellency that this House hath prepared an Address to his Excellency, on his Speech, and desires to know when and where he will be pleased to receive it: They return, and acquaint Mr. Speaker, the Governor will receive it in half an Hour in the Conference-Chamber.

Col. *King*, with Thirteen others, sent to present the Address to his Excellency: They return, and acquaint Mr. Speaker, they have presented the Address.

Mr. *Joseph Hall*, a returned Member for *Calvert* County, and Mr. *William Wilkinson*, a returned Member for *Charles* County, appear in the House.

Mr. *Brome* and Mr. *Mackall* sent to the Upper House to see them qualified: They return, and say they saw them qualified, by taking the several Oaths to the Government required by Law, signing the Oath of Abjuration, and repeating and signing the Test. The Gentlemen take their Seats in the House.

The Petition of *John Roberts*, and *Thomas Bond*, of *Baltimore* County, Planters, Read and Rejected.

The Petition of several of the Inhabitants of the Province of *Maryland*, representing the Injuries done by Negroes and their Dogs, and by Crows and Hawks; Read, and referred to the Consideration of the next Session of Assembly.

Mr. *Harris* added to the Committee of Laws.

On Motion of a Member from the Committee of Aggrievances, that a Pound of Tobacco hath been levied by Order of the Governor and Council, upon each taxable Person of this Province; *Ordered*, That the Committee of Laws prepare an Address to his Excellency the Governor, to order to be laid before this House, by what Authority the said Pound of Tobacco hath been levied.

Dr. *Carroll* brings in the Address to his Excellency the Governor, which was read, approved of, and ordered to be ingrossed.

The following ingrossed Address to his Excellency the Governor, *viz.*

To his Excellency THOMAS BLADEN, Esq; Governor of Maryland;
The Humble ADDRESS of the House of DELEGATES of the said Province.

May it please your Excellency,

IT appearing to this House that there hath been assessed and levied, by Order of your Excellency and Council, the Sum of one Pound of Tobacco, on every taxable Person within this Province; and to enforce the Collection thereof; an Execution hath been put into the Hands of the respective Sheriffs; ~~that~~ in as much as it is not known to this House, by what Power or Authority your Excellency and their Honours have done the same, we humbly pray, your Excellency will please to order to be laid before this House, the Authority by which the said Tax hath been assessed, levied, and Execution issued for the same.

Being prepared, was ordered, on Behalf of the House, to be signed by the honourable Speaker; which being done,

Ordered, That Mr. *Goldsborough* and Mr. *Paca* acquaint his Excellency, that this House hath prepared an Address to his Excellency, and desires to know when and where he will be pleased to receive it: They return, and say, his Excellency will receive it immediately upon the Parade.

Mr.