

ment of Justice. And a Bill entituled, *An Act continuing an Act entituled, An Act for the speedy Recovery of small Debts, out of Court, before a single Justice of the Peace.*

Which Bills were read the first Time, and ordered to lie on the Table.
The House adjourns 'til Tomorrow Morning, 9 of the Clock.

Friday Morning, March 14, 1745.

THE House met according to Adjournment, and the Proceedings of Yesterday were read.

On motion of a Member, Leave is given to bring in a Bill for Limitation of Officers Fees; and *Ordered*, that the Committee of Laws prepare and bring in the same.

Col. *King* added to the Committee of Accounts.

Mr. *Hammond*, from the Committee of Laws, delivers Mr. Speaker an Address to the Governor, on his Speech; which was read, approved of, and ordered to be ingrossed.

The House adjourns 'til 2 of the Clock.

Post Meridiem.

The House met according to Adjournment.

The following ingrossed Address to the Governor, being read and assented to, was ordered, on Behalf of the House, to be signed by the Honourable Speaker; *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,

WE his Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Delegates of the Freemen of the Province aforesaid, in Assembly convened, take Leave to assure your Excellency, that we would chearfully, and with Pleasure, undergo far greater Inconveniencies for the public Good, and Safety of our fellow Subjects, than we conceive will arise from your calling us together at this early Season.

The Purport and Subject Matter of Governor *Clinton's* Letter, which you have been pleased to lay before us, shall be duly considered; and we will endeavour to come to such a Resolution thereupon, as may be consistent with Prudence and good Policy.

Words cannot express our Detestation and Abhorrence of that wicked and unnatural Rebellion, which is broke out in *Great-Britain*, in favour of a popish Pretender: And such is our unshaken Fidelity, and invariable Attachment to our most gracious Sovereign, that we are ready to sacrifice our Lives and Fortunes in Defence of his Person and Government; nor can we owe less to so good and gracious a King, who, through the whole Course of his Reign, has made the Ease and Happiness of his People the great End of all his Actions.

Mr. *Lloyd* and Mr. *Harris* are sent to acquaint his Excellency, that this House hath prepared an Address to him, and desires to know when and where he will be pleased to receive it: They return, and acquaint Mr. Speaker, his Excellency will be ready to receive it in half an Hour in the Conference Chamber.

Resolved, That the subject Matter of the Letter from Governor *Clinton*, of *New-York*, mentioned in his Excellency's Speech, be taken into Consideration on Tuesday Morning next.

Col. *Hooper*, from the Committee to inspect the State and Condition of the Arms and Ammunition, &c. acquaints Mr. Speaker, that the Committee had made choice of Mr. *Thomas Jennings* for their Clerk: The House approves the Choice. Major *Hall* is ordered to qualify Mr. *Jennings*.

William Stoughton, Esq; with eleven others, sent to present the Address to the Governor: They return, and acquaint Mr. Speaker, they presented the Address.

Mr. *Key*, from the Committee of Laws, delivers Mr. Speaker a Bill entituled, *An Act for the Tryal of all Matters of Fact in the several Counties*