

It being represented to this House, that the Officers now raising Men for the Expedition against *Canada*, do enlist Servants: *Ordered*, therefore, That the Committee of Laws prepare an Address to the Governor, requesting him that he will order the said Officers to forbear such Practice.

Mr. *Dennis* hath Leave of the House to go home.

The House adjourns until 2 of the Clock.

Post Meridiem.

The House met according to Adjournment.

Mr. *Thomas Johnson* desiring to resign his Place of Serjeant at Arms, he is discharged from any further Attendance on this House.

Mr. *Philip Hammond* delivers Mr. Speaker an Address to the Governor; which was read, approved of, and ordered to be Ingrossed.

The House makes choice of Mr. *Thomas King*, to be their Serjeant at Arms; and *Ordered*, That Major *Hall* administer to him the several Oaths to the Government, and Oath of Office.

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.

May it please your Excellency,

His General Assembly having provided a sufficient Encouragement for able-bodied Freemen only, to enlist themselves in his Majesty's Service, in the intended Expedition against *Canada*; it might reasonably have been expected, that the Officers or Persons concerned would have avoided either encouraging or taking Servants belonging to the Inhabitants: But since it appears, that servants are not only encouraged to enlist, but that several are actually enlisted; in order, therefore, to put a Stop to such Practice for the future, and that Right may be done to Persons already injured, we intreat your Excellency will give Directions to the Officers in general, not to enlist any Servants; and upon it's being made appear to any of the said Officers, that any of the Persons already enlisted by them are Servants, that they restore such Servants to their respective Masters, on Application made for them.

Mr. *Sheredine* and Mr. *Bayard* ordered to acquaint the Governor 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 receive it on Monday Morning in the Conference Chamber.

Major *Hall* acquaints Mr. Speaker, that Mr. *Thomas King*, Serjeant at Arms, had taken the Oaths to the Government, that he had signed the Oath of Abjuration, repeated and signed the Test, and taken the usual Oath of Office.

The House adjourns until Monday Morning, 9 of the Clock.

Monday Morning, July 7, 1746.

THE House met according to Adjournment, and the Proceedings of Saturday were read: All Members being present as on Saturday, except Mr. *Bond*, Mr. *Mills*, and Mr. *Dennis*.

Col. *Dashiell* and Mr. *Harrison* sent to present the Address, prepared on Saturday, to his Excellency: They return, and acquaint Mr. Speaker they have presented it.

The House adjourns until 2 of the Clock.

Post Meridiem.

The House met according to Adjournment.

Mr. *Nicholas Goldsborough* and Mr. *Brome* sent to acquaint his Excellency, that no public Business lies before this House.

Mr. Speaker