

Mr. Speaker communicates to the House, the following Message from the Governor; viz.

Gentlemen of the Lower House of Assembly,

YOU have heard, no Doubt, as well as myself, of the joyful News of the total Defeat of the Rebels in Scotland.

Upon the News of their being drove out of England, I gave Orders for, and encouraged what public Testimonies of Loyalty I could, on that Occasion.

But this decisive Action must fill all our Hearts with such loyal Transports of Joy, that I doubt not to meet with your Concurrence to make them as public, and in as handsome a Manner, as the Circumstances of our Province will permit, suitable to the Occasion, either upon the Credit of what we have now received, or when a fuller Account shall be brought thereof; especially as the Assembly may not be then sitting. And to do this, I hope for your Advice and Assistance.

T. BLADEN.

Which being read, Ordered, That the Committee of Laws prepare and bring in an Address in Answer thereto.

A Question was then put, Whether the said Committee shall have any Instructions from the House, in Relation to drawing the said Address? Resolved in the Negative.

For the NEGATIVE.

Messieurs Barnes, Wilson, Harris, P. Hammond, Carroll, Worthington, Smith, Brome, Mackall, J. Hall, Courts, Smallwood, Hartison, Wilkinson, N. Goldborough, Lloyd, Thomas, J. Goldborough, Hooper, Ennalls, Lecompte, Pearce, Hyland, Bayard, Sheredine, Buchanan, Pace, Wootton, Addison, Spoddart, T. Hammond, Hopper, Tilghman, Henry, Purnell.

For the AFFIRMATIVE.

Messieurs Key, J. Gresham, R. Gresham, Stoughton, King, Dashiell, Gordon, Dulany, Robins Scarborough.

Mr. Speaker likewise communicates to the House the following Message from the Governor; viz.

Gentlemen of the Lower House of Assembly,

Before I received your Address, I directed some Servants who were enlisted to be discharged, and I shall continue to do so, when Application shall be made to me; as I am convinced that it would be unjust to, and a great Hardship on, Masters, to be deprived of their Servants Labour: But at the same Time, I must be careful to avoid giving any Obstruction to his Majesty's Service, by discharging Persons enlisted, who have entered into Contracts of Servitude for a few Months.

T. BLADEN.

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

The Ingrossed Address being brought in, read, and assented to, was ordered, on Behalf of the House, to be signed by the Honourable Speaker; and it is as follows; viz.

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

May it please your Excellency,

IT is with the greatest Pleasure we hear of the Success of his Majesty's Arms in North-Britain, and of the late decisive Victory obtained over the Rebels near Inverness; and have no Reason to doubt, but that welcome News will be soon confirmed.

We assure your Excellency, that our Hearts are sincerely elated at this happy Event; and that we shall in our respective Neighbourhoods communicate the same, and make no Doubt but it will be very satisfactory to all the People of Maryland; and that in each County they will give Testimony of their Joy suitable to the Occasion, without any public Charge: And we make no Question of your Excellency's doing the like in the most handsome Manner, at the Seat of Government.

Mr. Lloyd and Mr. Wilkinson ordered 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 immediately to receive it in the Council Chamber.

The same Gentlemen sent to present the Address: They return, and acquaint Mr. Speaker they have presented it.

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

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