

The following ADDRESS, viz.

To his Excellency SAMUEL OGDEN, Esq; Governor of Maryland;

The humble ADDRESS of the House of Delegates of the said Province.

May it please your Excellency,

We very gratefully embrace this Opportunity of congratulating yours and Family's safe Arrival amongst us, and return your Excellency our hearty Thanks for your kind Speech at the Opening of this Session.

The Welfare and common Security of the Province demand our utmost Attention, and we shall, in the Course of our Deliberations, consider what may be most conducive to the publick Good, and promote it in every manner accordingly; nor are we without Hopes of succeeding therein, from the kind Assurances you have been pleas'd to give us, of your sincere Inclinations to advance the Happiness and Prosperity of the Province, and of making it your constant Rule never to propose any Thing to us as Governor, that you shall not think for the Good of the Country as a Planter.

Was brought in ingrossed, and was read and assented to, and signed by Order of the House, by the Honourable Speaker.

Col. King and Mr. Stoddert, were sent to acquaint his Excellency, that the House hath prepared an Address to him, and desires to know when and where he will please to receive it; they return and acquaint Mr. Speaker, the Governor signified his Pleasure to receive the Address in the Conference Chamber.

It appearing to the House, that *William Stoughton, Esq;* since his being elected a Member for *Somerset County*, hath accepted of the Office of Deputy Naval Officer of *Pocomoke*, under *Samuel Chamberlaine, Esq;*

Resolved, That his Acceptance of such Office, hath disqualified him from his present Seat in this House, and that he be discharged from further Attendance; with which Mr. Speaker acquainted him accordingly.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker issue his Warrant to the Secretary of this Province, to make out a new Writ of Election, directed to the Sheriff of *Somerset County*, in the usual Manner, to make Choice of a Delegate to serve in the present Assembly for the said County, in the Room of the said *William Stoughton*.

Col. King, and Twelve more, were sent to present the Address to the Governor.

On Motion of a Member, that a Bill may be brought in for Regulation of Officers Fees, within this Province, Leave is given; *Ordered*, That the Committee of Laws prepare and bring in the same accordingly.

On Motion of a Member, that a Bill may be brought in for Tryal of all Matters of Fact in the several Counties where they have arisen, or shall arise; Leave is given: *Ordered*, That the Committee of Laws prepare and bring in the same accordingly.

The House adjourns 'til Tomorrow Morning, 9 of the Clock.

TUESDAY Morning, May 19. 1747.

THE House met according to Adjournment. Mr. Mackall, and Mr. John Goldsborough appeared in the House.

On Motion of a Member, that a Bill may be brought in, to encourage the making of Hemp and Flax within this Province, and to repeal all former Acts of Assembly made for that Purpose; Leave is given: *Ordered*, That the Committee of Laws prepare and bring in a Bill accordingly.

On Motion of a Member, that a Bill may be brought in for issuing Writs of Replevin out of the County Courts of this Province; Leave is given;

Ordered, That the Committee of Laws prepare and bring in a Bill accordingly.

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