

vice, with the respective Times when they happen'd ; as also of the Dismissions and Desertions of any of the Soldiers, and Times of their being discharged or deserting ; together with the Account of the Furloffs which have been granted from time to time to the Soldiers, or any of them ; and for what time, as also upon what Command or Duty, the Officers or Men have been respectively employ'd since the Time of their entering into the Service ; together with a Muster Roll or List of the Officers and effective private Soldiers now remaining in the Service : All which Rolls, Lists, and Accounts, we desire may be duly certified by the proper Officers, under their Hands, upon Oath taken before yourself, and attested by you ; also that you would transmit to us an Account of the Charges of the Cloathing, Arms, and Accoutrements of the Soldiers, and all other Expences which have been incurred on Account of the Expedition, and are not to be defray'd by the Colony under your Government, from the Time of their being levied, to the Time of your Attesting the said Accounts, together with the Vouchers thereof, all duly certified upon Oath, by the proper Parties, before you ; and a Copy of the Proclamation issued by you, for the Encouragement of Troops to enlist into the aforesaid Service, with Copies of the Votes for your Assembly, touching the Bounty and Subsistence, or Allowance of Provisions granted by them for the Troops. And we must further desire that you would, in pursuance of His Majesty's Orders, communicate to us your Sentiments and Opinion as to the Manner of discharging these Officers and Soldiers, and upon what Foot it may best be done, having due Regard to his Majesty's Commands to us, for doing it in the most frugal Manner, and his Expectations in this Affair ; and thus we desire you will forthwith do, as a great Charge is running on 'till the Soldiers shall be dismissed by us from this Service.

We must also desire you, in Obedience to His Majesty's Commands, to recommend it to your Assembly to furnish such Sums of Money or Credit as may be wanted to pay off the Soldiers, which you will perceive by the Extract of the Duke of Newcastle's Letter, is to be provided for by Parliament, as soon as the Accounts of the whole Charge incurred by raising the Levies, shall be transmitted to his Grace by us ; and forthwith to let us know your Opinion of the Success of such an Application ; as also to let us know whether you have advanced any, and what Sums of Money, to the Officers and Soldiers, or any of them, on Account of their Pay, and after what Rate, and to what Time they are paid in full.

And as you perceive, we are commanded by His Majesty to retain such a Number of the *American Levies* in his Pay, as we shall judge sufficient for the securing of *Nova-Scotia* against the Enemy's Attempts, until a Reinforcement can be sent thither from *Great-Britain* ; the Preservation of which Colony, is of the greatest Importance to the Safety and Welfare of all His Majesty's Northern Colonies. And also that Mr. *Shirley* is ordered by His Majesty to complete his own, as well as Sir *William Pepperrell's*, as likewise Lieut. General *Phillips's* Regiment, out of those Troops, we hope you will admit the Officers who shall be sent to raise Recruits for those Purposes, into your Government, with your Influence and Authority, and contribute every Thing in your Power to their Success, and the Promoting of His Majesty's Service.

We think it clear, that the Arms and Accoutrements of the Soldiers are to be return'd ; and where the Men have lost them, their Value must be stopt out of their Pay, or rather the several Captains are to be called upon for the Arms of their respective Companies, and are chargeable therewith ; which you will be pleased to consider. And we must desire you will forthwith let us know your Opinion of what Pay it will be reasonable to allow the Officers as well as Men, for their Service.

We are, Sir,

Your Honour's most obedient humble Servants,

W. SHIRLEY,
CHA. KNOWLES.

On reading his Excellency the Governor's Speech, and an Extract from a Letter of his Grace the Duke of Newcastle to Governor *Shirley* and Commodore *Knowles*, and a Letter from Governor *Shirley* and Commodore *Knowles* to the Governor of this Province : Resolved, That this House do take the same into Consideration in the Afternoon.

The House adjourns for an Hour.

Post Meridieum.

The House met according to Adjournment.

The House having taken into Consideration the Governor's Speech, Ordered, That an Address be prepared to his Excellency thereon ; and that Mr. *Hammond*, Dr. *Carroll*, Col. *Hooper*, Mr. *Key*, and Mr. *Lloyd*, do prepare and bring in the same. Mr. *Hammond*, from the Committee appointed to prepare an Address to the Governor, brings in the following, viz.

To his Excellency SAMUEL OGLE, Esq; Governor of MARYLAND ;
The humble ADDRESS of the House of Delegates.

May it please your Excellency,

WE His Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Delegates of the Freemen of the Province of *Maryland*, in Assembly convened, return your Excellency our sincere Thanks for the kind Expressions in your Speech, at the Opening of this Session.

The Inclemency of the Weather has rendered the Meeting in Assembly at this Time, very difficult, by the Deepness of the snow, and the Bay and Rivers being frozen : But our Duty to His Majesty, and determined Resolutions to do every Thing in our Power to answer his Royal Expectations, make us bear the present Inconvenience with great cheerfulness.