

We will immediately take the subject Matter recommended in your Excellency's Speech, and the Extract of the Duke of Newcastle's Letter, into our serious Consideration; and determine thereupon, agreeable to the present Circumstances of the People we represent.

Which was Read, Approved, and Ordered to be Ingrossed.

The Address to the Governor, was brought in Ingrossed, was Read and Assented to, and signed on Behalf of the House, by the Honourable Speaker.

Col. *Dasbiel*, and Capt. *Handy*; were sent to acquaint the Governor, this 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 to them, he was ready to receive the Address immediately at his own House.

Col. *Dasbiel*, and Capt. *Handy*, were sent to present the Address to the Governor.

On reading and considering the Extract of the Letter from his Grace the Duke of Newcastle to Governor *Shirley* and Commodore *Knowles*, and the Letter from Governor *Shirley* and Commodore *Knowles*, to the Governor of this Province, the further Consideration thereof was referred to the Morrow Morning.

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

WEDNESDAY Morning, December 23, 1747.

THE House met according to Adjournment, &c.

Upon further and mature Consideration of that Part of the Extract of the Duke of Newcastle's Letter, transmitted by Governor *Shirley* and Commodore *Knowles* to his Excellency the Governor, and laid before this House, which relates to raising Money or Credit for Payment of the Forces raised in this Province, and transported to *Albany*, for his Majesty's Service, in an intended Expedition against *Canada*, in Pursuance of a Letter of his Grace the Duke of Newcastle's, as Principal Secretary of State, to the Governor of this Province, dated *Whitehall, April 9, 1746*; Resolved, *Nemine contradicente*, That inasmuch as this Province hath been at very great Expence in Encouraging the Inlistment of 300 Men for the said Service, maintaining them here, transporting them to *Albany* in the Province of *New-York*, and supplying them with Provisions there; and that at present the People labour under very heavy Taxes, and other great Difficulties too tedious to enumerate: Therefore this House cannot, consistent with their Duty to their Constituents, further burthen them with the raising Money for Payment of the said Forces.

And Ordered, That Mr *Philip Hammond*, Dr. *Charles Carroll*, Col. *Hooper*, Mr. *Key*, and Mr. *Lloyd*, prepare an Address to his Excellency the Governor, acquainting him with the Sense of this House thereupon accordingly, and that no further Business lies before us.

Col. *Tasker*, from the Upper House, delivers to Mr. Speaker a Remonstrance and Petition of the Justices of *Prince George's County* Court, praying that an Act may pass to ascertain the Bounds between *Prince George's County*, and *Baltimore County*, and several Petitions of the Inhabitants of *Prince George's County*, praying Leave to bring in a Bill to move the Court House of the said County; severally Indorsed: "Referred by the Upper House to the Consideration of the Lower House." Which Petitions were severally read here, and