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The Governor communicated to Mr. Speaker the following Answer, *viz.*

Gentlemen of the Lower House of Assembly,
I RETURN you my hearty Thanks for your obliging Address; and the Resolution you express to do every Thing in your Power to answer his Majesty's Expectations, agreeable to the present Circumstances of the Province.
SAM OGLE.

Mr. Hammond, from the Committee appointed, delivers to Mr. Speaker the following Address, *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 Maryland, in Assembly convened, taking under our serious Consideration the Extract of the Duke of Newcastle's Letter laid before us, recommending the advancing Money for the Payment of the Levies raised by this Province, on the late intended Expedition against Canada, as well as all the Ways and Means in our Power for complying with his Majesty's Hopes and Expectations therein, beg Leave, under the greatest Concern, to represent to your Excellency, that the vast Charge and Expence the People of this Province have already been at, in levying, maintaining here, transporting to Albany in the Province of New-York, the Place of general Rendezvous, and further supplying those Levies with Provisions there; together with the heavy Taxes, and other Difficulties, under which the People we represent, now labour, have rendered it altogether impracticable for us to raise or advance any sum for Payment of the said Forces. And as no further Business lies before this House, we pray your Excellency will please to put an End to this Meeting.

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

The House adjourns for an Hour.

Post Meridiem.

The House met according to Adjournment, &c.

The following Message, *viz.*

By the Lower House of Assembly, December 23, 1747.

May it please your Honours,
THE Inclemency of the Season having prevented several Gentlemen of this House, attending at the Time mentioned in his Excellency the Governor's Proclamation for meeting, this House employed several Messengers to go for those Gentlemen, who with any Probability, were supposed to be able to attend; and as those Messengers expect to be paid immediately for their Trouble and Expences, we propose that Orders be drawn on the Treasurer of the Western Shore, by the Clerk of this House, payable to the Messengers, or their Order or Orders; with which if your House concurs, those Orders will be drawn accordingly.

Signed per Order,

M. MACNEARA, Cl. Lo. Ho.

Was sent to the Upper House, by Major Sheredine, and Mr. Sultvane.

Mr. Hammond, from the Committee appointed, delivers the Address to the Governor, Ingrossed; which was Read and Assented to, and signed by Order of the House, by the Honourable Speaker.

Mr. Key, and Mr. J. Gresham, 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 that he would be ready to receive the Address immediately at his House.

Mr. Key, and Mr. J. Gresham, were ordered to present the Address to the Governor.

Col. Hammond, from the Upper House, delivers to Mr. Speaker the following Message, *viz.*

By the Upper House of Assembly, December 23, 1747:

Gentlemen,
THIS House is willing that the Messengers who were sent for those Members of your House, who were prevented by the Badness of the Weather, from attending at the Time of Meeting mentioned in the Governor's Proclamation, be paid by an Order or Orders, drawn by the Clerk of your House, on the Treasurer of the Western Shore.

Signed per Order,

J. ROSS, Cl. Up. Ho.

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