

in that County, a Sum of Money, for the Uses therein mentioned; was read the first and second Time by an especial Order, and passed.

Which three last mentioned Bills were sent to the Upper House by Capt. Lee and Mr. Wilson.

Col. Hooper, from the Committee of Laws, delivers to Mr. Speaker an Address to his Excellency the Governor; which was read, approved, and ordered to be Ingrossed.

Col. Hooper, from the Committee of Laws, delivers to Mr. Speaker the following Ingrossed Address; *viz.*

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

May it please your Excellency,

IN Answer to your Message of Yesterday, this House have come to the following Resolution; *viz.*
Upon considering his Excellency's Message of Yesterday to this House; it is Resolved, That the Claim herein mentioned of Thomas Bladen, Esq; late Governor of this Province, is not warrantable either by the Rules of Law or Equity; his Conduct, in the Affair relative to that Claim, being contrary to, and a Violation of, the Trust and Confidence reposed in him by the Country: And therefore, this House will not agree to make such Allowance.

Resolved also, That this House will not agree to burthen the Country with any further Expence, towards preserving or finishing the House in the said Message mentioned, for the Use of the Governor.

Which was read and assented to, and signed by Order of the House by the Honourable Speaker.

The Governor communicates to Mr. Speaker the following Message; *viz.*

Gentlemen of the Lower House of Assembly,

I Have considered your Address presented to me Yesterday, in Relation to our Arms; and am very sensible that they are, in general, in a very miserable Condition. The Muskets and Carbines, in the Room over the Conference Chamber, are so old, and so much out of Repair, that I apprehend it would be for the Interest of the Public to have them sold immediately to the best Bidder: And even many of the Muskets and Carbines in the Council Chamber, besides their being without Bayonets, have such bad Locks, as to render them incapable of being fired in a proper Manner, on any Service of Importance.

You may be assured, that I shall always do what lies in my Power, to make the Armourer take all possible Care of every Thing that is intrusted to him; and as I apprehend a great deal of Smith's Work is required, to get the Arms in perfect good Order; which is impossible for the Armourer to pay out of his Salary of 25 £ Sterling per Annum. I should be glad to be empowered to have this done in such an effectual Manner, as may be not only for the Credit, but Security of the Country.

SAM. OGLE.

The House adjourns 'til Monday Morning at 9 o' Clock.

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