

The Gentleman took his Seat in the House.

Major *Charles Ridgely*, a Delegate returned to serve in this Assembly for *Baltimore* County, appeared in the House; and it being represented that the Small-Pox was raging in his Family, he was desired by Mr. Speaker, on Behalf of the House, to withdraw; with which Request the Gentleman complied.

On motion that a Bill be brought in for the speedy Recovery of small Debts, before a single Magistrate out of Court; Leave is given: *Ordered*, That the Committee of Laws do prepare and bring in the same.

The Petition of *Sarah Perkins*, of *Kent* County, Widow, was read, and referred to the Consideration of next Assembly.

The Petition of the Inhabitants of the lower Part of *Kent* County was read, and referred to the Consideration of next Assembly.

Mr. *John Goldsborough*, from the Committee of Grievances and Courts of Justice, acquaints Mr. Speaker that That Committee had chosen Mr. *William Wilkins* as Clerk: The House approves the Choice, and *Ordered*, That he do qualify himself in the usual Manner.

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,

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

It is with just Concern we lament the Death of the late Right Honourable Lord Proprietary of this Province, and condole with your Excellency that melancholy Event; but at the same Time, it is the greatest Satisfaction to us to reflect upon the valuable Qualifications of his Noble Successor, of whose early good Sense, and other promising Qualities, we are assured by your Excellency; and from which we promise ourselves all the Blessings that naturally flow from a mild and equitable Administration.

We congratulate your Excellency upon your Continuance in the Government, and are truly thankful for your Excellency's kind Professions, and sincere Intentions, towards the good People of this Province. And as it is certainly true, that the Interest of his Lordship is best promoted by increasing the Number and Riches of his Tenants here, we hope those Means will be constantly pursued, whoever shall have the Administration of Affairs; and on our Part, we assure your Excellency, we shall always exert our utmost Endeavours to advance the Welfare and Happiness of those we represent.

We shall immediately set about the Business recommended by your Excellency, and give it all the Dispatch which the Consequence and Nature of it will admit: And altho' at this Season of the Year we may be very desirous of being at our Homes, we shall cheerfully forego that Satisfaction, as the immediate Interest of the Public requires our Attendance here.

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

Ordered, That Col. *Henry Hooper*, and Col. *R. J. Henry*, do acquaint his Excellency that 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, that the Governor signified he was ready to receive the Address immediately in the Conference Chamber.

Ordered, That Col. *Hooper*, and fourteen more, do present the Address to his Excellency.

On motion that an Address be prepared to his Excellency, in Answer to his Message of Yesterday; *Ordered*, That the Committee of Laws do prepare and bring in the same.

A Certificate is produced, and lodged with the Clerk of the House, under the Hand of Mr. *John Brice*, a Provincial Magistrate, that Mr. *William Wilkins*