

*Post-Meridiem.* The House met according to Adjournment, &c. Mr. George, and Major Travers, appeared in the House.

Mr. Tilghman from the Committee of Laws, delivers to Mr. Speaker an Address to his Excellency, which was read, approved, and ordered to be ingrossed.

Doctor Carroll from the Committee of Laws, delivers to Mr. Speaker the following ingrossed Address, viz.

To his Excellency HORATIO SHARPE, Esq; Governor and Commander in Chief in and over the Province of MARYLAND.

The humble ADDRESS of the House of DELEGATES.

*May it please your Excellency,*

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

Though the Time and Season of the Year be inconvenient to us, yet we shall cheerfully attend the Service of our Constituents.

We will, with a just Regard to his Majesty's Interest, our own Safety, and that of our Neighbours, consider the several Letters laid before us by your Excellency, and we hope the Result will be such, as will meet your Approbation, and answer the Expectations of those we Represent.

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

Ordered, That Mr. Tilghman and Major Barnes, 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 was pleased to signify he would receive the Address, in a Quarter of an Hour's Time, in the Conference Chamber.

Ordered, That Mr. Key, and 14 more, do present the Address to his Excellency.

Ordered, That Doctor Alexander Hamilton, do acquaint the Reverend Mr. Malcolm, that he is desired by this House, to read Divine Service, Morning and Evening, during this Session.

*The House adjourns till the morrow Morning at 9 of the Clock.*

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Thursday, February 28, 1754.

THE House met according to Adjournment, &c.

Capt. Williamson appeared in the House.

A Letter from Mr. Thomas Wilkinson, a Member of this House, to the Sheriff of Queen Anne's County, and the Sheriff's Letter in Answer, being delivered to Mr. Speaker, and by him communicated to the House, were read, and ordered that the Committee of Elections and Privileges do make Enquiry