

Monday, March 4, 1754.

THE House met according to Adjournment: The Members were called and all appeared as on Saturday, except Mr. Bond, Mr. Mills, Mr. Govane, and Mr. Buchanan. The Proceedings were read.

*The House adjourns till 2 of the Clock.*

*Post-Meridiem.* The House met according to Adjournment.

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

Tuesday, March 5, 1754.

THE House met according to Adjournment, &c. all appeared as Yesterday, except Mr. Tillotson.

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.

Major Hall 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 have taken into our serious Consideration the Matters proposed in your Excellency's Speech, and as we are sufficiently sensible of how great Importance it is to cultivate the Friendship of the *Indians*, have agreed, in Pursuance of the Recommendation of the Lords Commissioners for Trade and the Plantations, to raise a Sum of Money, for Purchasing suitable Presents to be delivered to the Six Nations, by the Commissioners who are to be charged with the Renewal of the Covenant Chain with them.

The Ways and Means fallen upon, on this Occasion, as they are the most effectual and agreeable to the Circumstances of our Constituents, we rest assured, will not want your Excellency's Concurrence and Approbation.

We have considered the Requisition of the Governor of *Virginia*, and your Excellency's Message of the second Instant, with due Attention: And are fully convinced, that our own Security is connected with the Safety of our Neighbours, and that in Case of an Attack we ought mutually to assist and support each other: But as it does not appear to us that any Invasion or hostile Attempt has been made against this, or any other of his Majesty's Colonies, we do not think it necessary to make any Provision for an armed Force, which must inevitably load us with great Expence, and which cannot, as we conceive, under the Restrictions of the Royal Order, signified by the Earl of *Holderness*'s Letter to your Excellency, effectually Co-operate, except in Case of an Invasion, with that of any other Colony.

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

Ordered, That Col. *Harrison* and Mr. *Handy*, 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