

mentioned in your Excellency's Speech, we Resolved on Ways and Means for raising a Sum of Three Thousand Pounds Current Money, to be applied for his Majesty's Service; as also Three Hundred Pounds Sterling, to be laid out in a Present to the Six Nations of *Indians*; and One Hundred and Fifty Pounds Current Money, to defray the Expences of Commissioners to be sent to *Albany* to deliver the said Present, and to renew the Covenant Chain with those *Indians*; for which Purposes we prepared a Bill, which was sent to the Upper House, and for the Passage of which we used all the Endeavours in our Power, and made as many Concessions as was consistent with the Right and Liberty of the People we represent; and we can with Truth assure your Excellency, that the Failure of that Bill gives us the utmost Concern.

To demonstrate our hearty Desire to secure the Friendship of our *Indian* Allies, we have agreed, that a Sum of Five Hundred Pounds Current Money be paid by the Treasurer of the Western Shore, to be laid out in a Present to those *Indians*, by such Commissioners as your Excellency shall be pleased to appoint to deliver the said Present, and renew the Covenant Chain with them; and the further Sum of One Hundred and Fifty Pounds, to be paid by the said Treasurer, to defray the Expences of the Commissioners; and have great Hopes that our Conduct upon these Occasions, will meet with your Excellency's Approbation.

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

Ordered, That Mr. Key and Doctor Hamilton, do acquaint his Excellency, that this House hath prepared an Address to be presented to him, and desires to know when, and where, he will please to receive it. They return and acquaint Mr. Speaker, his Excellency was pleased to signify he was ready to receive the Address immediately, in the Conference Chamber.

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

The following Message, viz.

By the Lower House of Assembly, May 27, 1754.

May it please your Honours,

THIS House has resolved, that the Sum of Five Hundred Pounds Currency be laid out in Presents, to be delivered to the *Six Nations of Indians* at *Albany*, agreeable to the Recommendation of the Lords for Trade and the Plantations, and for that End propose to your Honours, that both Houses may agree in an Ordinance for the Payment of the above Sum of Money, by the Treasurer of the Western Shore, to the Commissioners to be appointed by his Excellency to attend the Interview at *Albany* next *June*, and the further Sum of One Hundred and Fifty Pounds Currency, to be paid by the said Treasurer, to defray the Expences of the Commissioners upon that Service.

Signed per Order, M. Macnмара, Cl. Lo. Ho.

Was sent to the Upper House by Mr. Hollyday and Mr. Earle.

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

Col. Hooper brings in, and 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 of the said Province.

May it please your Excellency,

BY a Report, made by a Committee of this House, with a Copy of a Letter and Depositions, hereunto annexed, it is apparent, that some Check is necessary to be given to Papists within this Province; and at this Time it seems more so, as the *French* are encroaching on all his Majesty's Territories on this Continent, and spurring up the *Indians* to make IncurSIONS and commit Hostilities on his Majesty's Subjects.

We therefore hope, that your Excellency will be pleased to order, that an exact Enquiry may be made into the