

Ordered, That Capt. *John Handy*, and Mr. *Waggaman*, do go with Col. *Henry*, to the Upper House, to see him qualified: They return and acquaint Mr. Speaker, they saw him qualified, in the usual Manner.

The Gentleman took his Seat in the House.

Col. *Hooper*, from the Committee of Laws, brings in, and delivers to Mr. Speaker, an Address to his Excellency; 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 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 dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Delegates of the Freemen of *Maryland*, in Assembly convened, return your Excellency our hearty Thanks for the Concern you have been pleased to express at calling us so often together, as well as every other Instance of your Regard for the good People of this Province.

Although it is very inconvenient to us to be absent from our respective Businesses at this Season of the Year, yet we shall cheerfully attend the public Service: And immediately take under our most serious Consideration, the Matters recommended in your Excellency's Speech; and endeavour to make such Provision upon the present Occasion, as may be most conducive to his Majesty's Service, and the Safety and Welfare of our Country.

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

Ordered, That Mr. *Tilghman*, and Mr. *B. Mackall*, 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, that the Governor was pleased to signify he was ready to receive the Address immediately in the Conference Chamber.

Ordered, That *Daniel Dulany*, Esq; and Ten more, do present the Address.

The House adjourns till 2 of the Clock Afternoon.

Post-Meridieum. The House met according to Adjournment, &c.

Mr. *Bond*, Mr. *Key*, and Mr. *Gresham*, appeared in the House.

The House having taken into Consideration that Part of the Governor's Speech which recommends a Provision to be made for his Majesty's Service, towards