

Saturday, December 14, 1754.

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

The Certificates of Qualification by the several Clerks of the Committees from this House, were produced to the Clerk of the House.

Col. *Fitzhugh* acquaints Mr. Speaker, That he (with the other Gentlemen appointed by this House to return the Reverend Mr. *Sterling* Thanks for the Sermon preached Yesterday, before his Excellency the Governor, and the Honourable Members of the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly,) in Obedience to the Order of the House, did wait upon Mr. *Sterling*, and returned him Thanks accordingly, and requested that he would allow the Sermon to be printed; and in Answer thereto, that Gentleman expressed his grateful Sense of the Honour this House had done him, and signified his Consent to have the Sermon printed.

Mr. *William Govane*, a Delegate returned to serve for *Baltimore* County, appeared in the House. Ordered, That Mr. *Paca*, and Mr. *Tolley*, do go with him, to the Upper House, to see him qualified: They return, and acquaint Mr. Speaker, they saw him take the several Oaths to the Government required by Law, subscribe the Oath of Abjuration, repeat and sign the Test. The Gentleman took his Seat in the House.

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

*The House adjourns till 2 of the Clock Afternoon.*

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

Mr. *Hammond*, from the Committee of Laws, delivers to Mr. Speaker the following Address to his Excellency, ingrossed; *viz.*

To his Excellency H O R A T I O S H A R P E, 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, beg Leave to return your Excellency our unfeigned Thanks for your affectionate Speech at the Opening of this Session; and readily confess that the ambitious Designs of the *French*, and the dangerous Consequences from the carrying them into Execution: not only to ourselves, but to all the rest of his Majesty's Dominions in *America*, are too obvious to need any Repetition of Arguments, that might be urged for the Demonstration of them.

These Designs, so general in their Nature, and destructive in their Consequences, cannot but raise a just and suitable Indignation and Resentment in the Breast of every Man amongst us, who has any Regard either for his own Liberty and Property, or those of his Posterity. And we do assure your Excellency, that we will, with the utmost Dispatch, proceed, so far as our Circumstances will admit, in Concurrence with our neighbouring Governments, in such Measures as shall be most effectual to repel the ambitious and insolent Attempts of