

distributed in the respective Counties, and the Residue to the Reverend Mr. Sterling.

Mr. Edward Tilghman appeared in the House.

The House adjourns till Monday Morning at 9 of the Clock.

Monday, December 16, 1754.

THE House met according to Adjournment, &c.

A Petition of *John Tillotson*, and *Thomas Harris*, of *Queen Anne's County*, Gentlemen, complaining of an undue Election (at the last general Election in *Queen Anne's County*), in Favour of *John Bracco*, Gentleman, who was returned, by the Sheriff of the said County, as a Delegate thereof:

On reading the said Petition, *Ordered*, That the same be heard at the Bar of this House on Friday Morning next, being the 20th Instant.

The House adjourns till 2 of the Clock Afternoon.

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

His Excellency communicated to Mr. Speaker the following Answer, to the Address of this House, *viz.*

Gentlemen of the Lower House of Assembly.

THE Patriot Concern you express for the Safety of your Country, and the becoming and laudable Resentment you declare yourselves disposed to shew, at the hostile and ambitious Attempts of it's Enemies, must reflect Honour on yourselves, and endear you to your Constituents: These your Professions, as well as that Part of your most obliging Address, where you are pleased to express so kind and affectionate a Regard for myself, and to testify, by your Approbation of my past Conduct, that I have not been wanting in my Endeavours to discharge my Duty, since I have had the Honour of presiding over you, give me inexpressible Satisfaction and Pleasure; and you will, Gentlemen, be pleased to think, that I shall joyfully embrace every Opportunity of confirming the favourable Opinion you are inclined to conceive of my future Inclinations and Intentions.

H O R ^o S H A R P E.

The Order of the Day being read, on Motion, the House Resolved into a Committee of the whole House, to take into Consideration the Subject Matter contained in his Excellency's Speech, and of Ways and Means whereby to answer the same.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Speaker re-assumed the Chair.

Mr. *Lloyd*, Chairman, from the Committee of the whole House, delivers to Mr. Speaker the following Report;

By a Committee of the whole House, December 16, 1754.

THAT the Committee had proceeded to take into Consideration the Matter referred to them by the Honourable House, but not having had Time to complet the same, prays Leave of the House, that the said Committee may sit again, to proceed further on the said Affair.

On Consideration of the said Report, *Resolved*, That this House will, on the morrow Morning, Resolve into a Committee of the whole House, to consider