

acquaint Mr. Speaker, that the Governor was pleased to signify that he was ready to receive the Address immediately, in the Conference Chamber.

*Ordered*, That Col. R. J. Henry, and Three more, do present the Address.

Mr. Bordley, from the Committee of Laws, brings in, and delivers to Mr. Speaker a Bill entituled, *An Act for the Continuance of Process in Baltimore County Court*; which was Read the first Time, and ordered to lie on the Table.

Mr. M. Tilghman, 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.

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

Tuesday, March 11, 1755.

THE House met according to Adjournment, &c.

The Bill entituled, *An Act for the Continuance of Process in Baltimore County Court*, was Read the second Time, and will pass, and was sent to the Upper House, by Mr. Govane and Mr. Edmondson.

Mr. M. Tilghman, from the Committee of Laws, 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.

*May it please your Excellency,*

IN Answer to your Message of the 4th Instant, we cannot but express our Concern, that any Parts of the Act entituled, *An Act for amending the Staple of Tobacco, for preventing Frauds in his Majesty's Customs, and for the Limitation of Officers Fees*, should be liable to the least Objection from our Lord Proprietary.

We should be sorry to find that a Regulation of Officers Fees, agreed upon after the most mature Deliberation, by the several Branches of the Legislature, and subsisting five Years, and then again, with but small Alteration, revived and continued, should be so disagreeable to his Lordship, as to induce him to dissent to an Act, the greatest Part whereof, he acknowledges to be of great Utility.

We conceive the Parts objected to by his Lordship are of great Advantage to this Province, and highly conducive to the Ease and Quiet of his Lordship's Tenants. And forasmuch as his Lordship, from a Sense of the great Usefulness of that Part of the Act which relates to the Staple of Tobacco, and an affectionate Regard for his Tenants, has been induced not to signify his immediate Dissent thereto; so we, from the same Motives, as to the whole, cannot consent to a Repeal of those Parts, or either of them. We take Leave, therefore, to acquaint your Excellency; that after full Deliberation, upon your Excellency's Recommendation, to prepare a Bill for that Purpose, we have unanimously resolved not to proceed on any such Bill.

We very thankfully acknowledge his Lordship's Goodness in presenting the Petition, or Representation, of the late House of Delegates, on Behalf of this Province, to the Lords Commissioners of Trade and Plantations, and cannot in the least Doubt, but that his Lordship's affectionate Regard for his Tenants, will incite him to pursue the most proper Measures, for obtaining the Liberty and Permission therein applied for.

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

Feb. Session, 1755.

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*Ordered,*