

Wednesday, *March* 26, 1755.

THE House met according to Adjournment, &c. All appeared as Yesterday, except Mr. *Earle*. The Proceedings were Read.
Ordered, That Mr. *J. Goldsborough*, with five more, do present the Address to his Excellency.

The Governor communicated to Mr. Speaker the following Message, *viz.*

Gentlemen of the Lower House of Assembly,

YOUR Address delivered this Morning, seeming only to offer some Reasons why I am not, at this Time, to expect so large a Sum as you say was proposed to be granted for his Majesty's Service, at the Beginning of this Session, you will excuse me for repeating the Purport of the Message sent you last Monday, hoping you will not continue averse to complying with the Requests therein made. As my taking any Notice of the second Paragraph of your Address, might possibly lead into Disputes, at this Time, for the Sake of expediting Business, to be avoided, I purposely wave it; conceiving that a Sum for the particular Services mentioned in my Message, with General *Braddock's* Letter, may be raised without having Recourse to any of the Means proposed in your other Bill: You will be pleased to observe, that Sir *Thomas Robinson* has more particularly recommended to us, to make some necessary Provision for those Articles, as they are of a local and peculiar Nature, and arising entirely within this Government. Such Charges, at least, his Majesty will most undoubtedly expect his Subjects of this Province readily and cheerfully to defray, though they do not contribute to the common Fund, which it is his royal Pleasure should be established, for the Benefit of all the Colonies collectively. You must be sensible, *Gentlemen*, that unless you will be now prevailed on to appropriate a Sum of Money to those Uses, I shall be under a Necessity, as often as the General may make any Application to me, of meeting you again; wherefore, let me desire you to take my Message once more under Consideration, and by granting such a Supply as might be requisite for these particular Purposes, to give some actual Proof of the Sincerity of your Intentions to answer our most gracious Sovereign's Expectations, and to consult and provide for the Ease of your Constituents.

H O R °. S H A R P E.

On reading and considering the Governor's Message: *Ordered*, That the Committee of Laws do prepare and bring in an Address to his Excellency thereon.

Philip Hammond, Esq; 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.

Ordered, That the following be entered on the Journal, as the Resolves of this House, *viz.*

Resolved, That this House have voted, on the present Occasion, from a deep Sense of Gratitude and Duty to his Majesty, an Aid proportionate to, if not beyond, the Circumstances of the Country.

Resolved, That the Ways and Means fallen upon, for raising and replacing the Sum (to be granted for that Aid) are such as would best answer the Intention of the designed Grant, are most consistent with the Interest and Inclinations of the People we represent, and the most expeditious and effectual that could be thought of for raising so large a Sum.

Resolved, That the Fines arising on Ordinary Licences are, and always have been, the undoubted Right of the Country; that the Lord Proprietary of this Province, by his Prerogative, can have no Right to impose or levy, by Way of Fine, Tax, or Duty, any Sum of Money on any Person whatsoever, or take to himself any such Fine, Tax, or Duty, imposed by any Law of this Province, which now is or hereafter may expire, without the Consent of the Representatives in General Assembly.

Resolved,