

the Westward, on the Event of which, not only the Lives and Safety of our Fellow-Subjects, on our Western Borders, may immediately, but perhaps our own, consequentially, so greatly depend, and as we despair, that any Expedient we can now propose, even would we be so irregular as once more to reconsider the Bill, mentioned by your Excellency, can have any good Effect, we therefore hope, we shall not remain any longer here at present, so greatly expensive to our Constituents, and from the extream Unseasonableness of the Time of Year, so much to the Disadvantage of our private Concerns; and we humbly presume to hope, that we shall not be called again, till a Season proper for continuing upon a Course of the common Business of the Country, unless it shall fortunately happen, that the present Unwillingness in that Honourable House, to concur with Measures reasonable, and well concerted, for promoting his Majesty's Service, and, consequently, preserving the Lives, Liberties, and Properties of Ourselves, and our Fellow-Christians and Subjects, shall be removed; and we take Leave firmly to assure your Excellency, that whenever that may be the Case, the Considerations of Health, Private Concern, and Inclemency of Season, of any Kind, shall vanish before those much more important Ones of his Majesty's Service, and our Country's Safety, and we will, with most chearful Expedition, obey your Excellency's Summons.

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

*Ordered*, That Col. *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 Dr. *Carroll*, with Five more, do present the Address to his Excellency.

His Excellency the Governor's Message, relative to Mr. *Rawlings*, which was referred last Session, is now referred to the Consideration of next Assembly.

The Report relating to the Disposal of the Sum of 6000 *l.* which was referred for Consideration this Assembly, is now referred to next Assembly.

His Excellency the Governor communicates to Mr. Speaker the following Message, *viz.*

*Gentlemen of the Lower House of Assembly,*

I HAVE just now received Advice from the Northern Governments, that the French Fleet from *Brest*, with Four Thousand Land Forces, were arrived in the Harbour of *Louisburg*, and I am also informed, that no Couriers have arrived at *Fort Cumberland*, for some Days, from General *Braddock*, whence there is Reason to apprehend, that the Emeny are between the two Camps, and have cut off the Communication. I was unwilling to comply with the Request you just now made to me, before I had communicated to you this Intelligence, and desired you once more, to take the unhappy Condition of your Country, and the back Inhabitants, under your Consideration, and to make some Provision for their Safety and Protection.

H O R ° . S H A R P E .

*The House adjourns till the Morrow Morning at 7 of the Clock.*

Tuesday, July 8, 1755.

THE House met according to Adjournment, &c. All appeared as Yesterday, except Mr. *Paca*, Mr. *Tolley*, and Capt. *Ward*.

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