

Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and (with the Members of the Lower House) went to the Upper House, and presented to his Excellency the ingrossed Bill entituled, *An Act reviving and continuing an Act entituled, An Act to prevent the Exportation or Carrying out of this Province, Ammunition, Warlike Stores, or Provisions of any Kind, towards supplying the French or their Allies*; and the ingrossed Bill entituled, *An Act for the Adjournalment and Continuance of Talbot and Dorchester County Courts*; both which his Excellency passed into Laws in the usual Manner.

Mr. Speaker returned (with the Members of the Lower House), and re-assumed the Chair.
The House adjourns until the Morrow Morning at IX of the Clock.

TUESDAY MORNING, March 2, 1756.

THE House met according to Adjournment, &c.

Ordered, That Col. *Tilghman* and Mr. *Bracco* 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 the Governor was pleased to signify he would receive the Address at XII of the Clock in the Conference Chamber.

The Order of the Day being read;

In Pursuance of the Resolve of Yesterday, the House Resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, to consider of Ways and Means to raise a Sum of Money towards his Majesty's Service.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Speaker re-assumed the Chair.

Mr. *Lloyd*, Chairman of the Committee of the whole House, reported to Mr. Speaker, That the Committee had again proceeded to take into Consideration the Matter referred to them by the Honourable Lower House of Assembly; but not having had Time to compleat the same, prays Leave of the House to sit again, to proceed further on the said Affair.

On Consideration of the said Report, *Resolved*, That this House will, in the Afternoon, Resolve into a Committee of the whole House, to consider of Ways and Means to raise a Sum of Money towards his Majesty's Service.

On Motion, *Ordered*, That Mr. *Mills*, Mr. *Williamson*, Mr. *Hammond*, Mr. *J. Mackall*, Mr. *Smallwood*, Mr. *Waggaman*, Mr. *J. Goldborough*, Mr. *C. Goldborough*, Mr. *Govane*, Mr. *Earle*, Mr. *Murdock*, Mr. *Dulany*, Col. *Tilghman*, Col. *J. Henry*, and Mr. *Crabb*, be a Committee to enquire into Ways and Means to raise Money for his Majesty's Service.

Ordered, That Mr. *Lloyd* and Mr. *Dulany* do present the Address to his Excellency.

Benedict Calvert, Esq; from the Upper House, delivers to Mr. Speaker a Petition of the *Indians of Locust-Neck* upon *Croftank* River, in *Dorchester* County; indorsed, "By the Upper House of Assembly, referred to the Consideration of the Lower House of Assembly;" which Petition was here read, and ordered to lie on the Table.

The House adjourns till II of the Clock Afternoon.

Post Meridie. The House met according to Adjournment, &c.

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

" Gentlemen of the Lower House of Assembly,

" **I** N Answer to your Address, presented me this Morning, I must acquaint you, that I have not received any
 " Letter from the Governors of Virginia and the Carolinas since I forwarded to them Copies of General *Shir-*
 " *ley's* Proposals for a Treaty of Friendship and Alliance with the Southern Indians; neither do I know what
 " Resolutions the Assemblies of those Provinces or Pennsylvania have come to thereon, tho' I flatter myself that
 " none of them will be so far wanting to themselves, as to spare any Expence or Pains to secure those Indians to
 " the British Interest, and engage them to assist his Majesty's Subjects in defending their Frontiers, or annoying their
 " Enemies: As you also seem very solicitous to gain this most desirable Point, I am persuaded I need not urge any
 " Arguments to incite you to make such Provision, agreeable to the General's Proposals, that when the several
 " neighbouring Colonies have come to some Resolution thereon, they may find Commissioners sufficiently impowered by
 " the Legislature of this Province, and ready to negotiate with theirs, and in Conjunction with them, by Presents or
 " otherwise, to improve the good Disposition of the *Catawba* and *Cherokee* Nations towards us, which they have
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