

HORATIO SHARPE, Esq; Governor. 11

"both professed, and the Cherokees particularly shewn, by sending above a Hundred of their Warriors some Time since to join some Companies of the Virginia Rangers, and with them to attack one of the Shawanese Towns.  
HOR<sup>o</sup>. SHARPE."

The Order of the Day being read;

In Pursuance of the Resolve of this Day, 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 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, that they may fit 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 of Ways and Means to raise a Sum of Money towards his Majesty's Service.

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

"Gentlemen of the Lower House of Assembly,

"A FEW Days before you met, I was informed that some of the Inhabitants of that Part of Pennsylvania which lies on Conococheague, had been cut off by a Party of Indians, and their Habitations destroyed; and at the same Time I received a Petition from a great Number of the back Inhabitants of Frederick County, wherein they set forth their unhappy Situation and Circumstances, and most earnestly intreated me to send them some Assistance, which might preserve them from the Miseries that their Neighbours in Pennsylvania had experienced, and were still suffering: I thereupon gave Lieutenants Baker and Shelby Commissions and Instructions to raise each of them a Party of Twenty Men for the Protection of such Inhabitants, till I could recommend their deplorable Case to your Consideration, and until more effectual Measures could be taken for their Preservation. As I doubt not but the inclosed Letters and Papers will convince you, that my Refusal or Neglect to comply with the abovementioned Petition might have been attended with very bad Consequences, I hope you will express your Approbation of the Steps I have taken, by enabling me to fulfil my Engagement to pay such Parties at the Rate of forty Shillings a Month to each Man, and that you will take such farther Measures to secure the Frontier Inhabitants from the Dangers that threaten them, as to you shall seem expedient and necessary.

"One of the inclosed Papers, which I received Yesterday from New-York, will shew you, that the French are at this Time in Motion on the Lake Ontario, and that they have laid a Scheme to reduce our Forts at Oswego this Winter, and seduce our Indian Allies of the Six Nations. I entertain Hopes, however, that such an Enterprize will be rendered abortive by the Measures that General Shirley has taken for the Security of that Place; tho' I am persuaded, that nothing less than all the Colonies exerting their united Strength this ensuing Summer can frustrate the Hopes our ambitious Enemies have entertained, that they shall soon become Masters of that Lake, and thereby have it in their Power to compel our Friends of the Six Nations to join and assist them in extending their Conquests.  
HOR<sup>o</sup>. SHARPE."

"S I R,

Fort-Johnson, January 28, 1756.

"JUST now came here two Oneidas Express from the Senecas, and brought with them a large Belt of black Wampum, 14 Rows broad and 2½ Foot long, who made the following Speech.

"There is about 20 of the Oghuagy and Tuscaroras here these eight Days past, and about 30 more expected: The Express says, there will be a vast Number of the Five Nations down: This goes by Express, which the Indians insisted on.

I am, S I R,

Your most obedient humble Servant,

"ROBERT ADAMS."

"Brother Warraghiyagee,

"ABOUT three Weeks ago came a large Vessel to Niagara, with a French Officer on board, who enquired where his Children were who always kept there, for that he could not then see any of them."

CHILDREN,