

we will, with the greatest Chearfulness and Expedition, endeavour, by the best and most easy Methods, effectually to raise the Supplies necessary for that important Service.

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

Ordered, That Mr. Bordley and Mr. Carroll 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 would receive the Address immediately in the Conference Chamber.

Ordered, That Mr. J. Goldborough and Mr. Edmondson do present the Address.

Mr. Carroll, from the Committee of Laws, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker an ingrossed Bill entitled, *An Act for the Adjournment and Continuance of Frederick County Court*; which was read and assented to, and sent to the Upper House, with the Paper Bill, by Mr. Chapline and Mr. Beall.

On Motion, Leave given to bring in a Bill For raising the Sum of 40,000 l. for his Majesty's Service: Ordered, That the Committee of Laws do prepare and bring in a Bill accordingly.

The House adjourns until the Morrow Morning at IX of the Clock.

SATURDAY MORNING, March 13, 1756.

THE House met according to Adjournment, &c.

Mr. Hynson, Mr. Wallis, Mr. Ward, Mr. Haady, Mr. Waggaman, Mr. J. Goldborough, Col. Henry, Mr. Casson, and Mr. C. Goldborough, have Leave of the House to go home.

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

"Gentlemen of the Lower House of Assembly,

"INCLOSED you have Governor Dinwiddie's Answer to a Letter that I sent him on the Subject of your Addresses of the first and third Instant. HOR^o. SHARPE."

And the following Letter,

"S I R,

Williamsburg, March 8, 1756.

"THE Commissioners to the Catawbas and Cherokees have been gone a Month; when they return, shall give you a true Account of their Transactions with those People. I have some Hopes they will supply us with 1000 Men, who must be paid and supported by the neighbouring Colonies.

"The Cherokees that came into Augusta about three Months ago, with 230 of our Rangers, are gone to attack the Shawanese in their Towns: I wish them Success, and on their Return shall give you an Account of what has been done by them.

"We are intirely in want of Arms; none are sent here from his Majesty: Our Agent says there are 6000 sent to New-England, to be distributed among the Colonies; they would have come sooner to hand if sent from London. I have wrote General Shirley the great want we are in, and desired to be supplied if in his Power. I am glad your Assembly has voted 40,000 l. and wish our Assembly may be prevailed on to grant a handsome Sum. They meet the 25th.

"I am sorry for that Part of your Letter, that the French intend to attack Oswego this Winter, and hope the Intelligence is groundless; but I fear we have not Men sufficient there to defend the Place.

"I would gladly hope that the Operations for these Southern Colonies should be to the Ohio; if they did not succeed in taking the Fort, they would make a very good Diversion, by hindering them on the Ohio from marching to Niagara; and I fear it's impossible to prevail with our People to go to Albany.

"There are four Brass Cannon, of 12 Pounders, with all their Appurtenances, landed here. General Shirley ordered them to New-York, but I stopt them till I hear from him, as they will be greatly wanted, if we make any Attempt the other Side of the Allegany Mountains in the Summer.

"I send you a Book and a small Bottle left with me for you.

"I am, with great Respect and Esteem,

"Your Excellency's

"Most humble and obedient Servant,

"ROBERT DINWIDDIE.

"P. S.