

Votes and Proceedings, *April, 1756.*THURSDAY MORNING, *April 1, 1756.*

THE House met according to Adjournment, &c.

Capt. *Waggaman* and Mr. *Ward* have Leave to go home.

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

“ *Gentlemen of the Lower House of Assembly,*”

“ I HAVE just received Letters from Major *Prather*, advising me, that he was disposing the Ranging Parties, of which he has the Command, in such a Manner, as will most probably give them an Opportunity of engaging a Party of *Indians* that has lately done some Mischief on the Frontiers, near *Mills's* Fort. As the Money that you some Time since granted for the Support of these Ranging Parties is very near expended, and you have taken no Notice of my former Message on this Subject, I am obliged to apply to you once more, and hope to be speedily informed of your Resolutions thereon, that I may, by Mr. *Dixon*, who waits for my Answer, write to the Officers, either to keep up their respective Parties, if you think it necessary, or to disband them immediately, if you judge that Step most proper.

“ HOR^o. SHARPE.”

Which was read; and Ordered, That Col. *Tilghman*, Mr. *Matthew Tilghman*, Mr. *Murdock*, and Mr. *Carroll*, do prepare and bring in an Address to his Excellency, in Answer thereto.

Col. *Tilghman* brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker an Address to his Excellency; which was read, approved, and ordered to be ingrossed.

On Motion, the Question was put, That his Excellency be allowed the Sum of Five Hundred Pounds, provided he goes on the Expedition to the Westward. Resolved in the Affirmative.

For the AFFIRMATIVE,

Messages	{	T. Reeder,	Smallwood,	Edmondson,	Hyland,	Casson,
		Hynion,	Jordan,	Edge,	Baker,	Scarborough,
		Williamson,	R. Henry,	Gray,	Murdock,	J. Henry,
		Wallis,	Handy,	Paca,	Bordley,	B. Handy,
		Hammond,	Dennis,	Tolley,	Dulany,	Chapline.
		Hall,	Waggaman,	Smith,	Lloyd,	
		Carroll,	J. Goldsborough,	Earle,	E. Tilghman,	

For the NEGATIVE,

Negatives	{	I. Reeder,	B. Mackall,	Ward,	Hawkins,	Crabb,
		Gaffaway,	Stoddert,	Addison,	Bracco,	Beall.
		Reynolds,	Govane,	Frazer,	Evans,	

Mr. *Lloyd*, from the Committee of Laws, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker an ingrossed Bill entitled, *An Act for the Continuance of Process in Cæcil County March Court, &c.* and an ingrossed Bill entitled, *An Act to vest certain entailed Lands, &c. in the Female Heirs of Leonard Hollyday, Gentleman, &c.* which Bills were severally read and assented to, and sent to the Upper House, with the Paper Bills thereof, by Mr. *Benjamin Marshall* and Mr. *Reynolds*.

Mr. *Carroll* brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker the following ingrossed Address, *viz.*

To his Excellency HORATIO SHARPE, *Esq;* Governor and Commander in Chief in and over the Province of MARYLAND.

The humble ADDRESS of the House of DELEGATES.

May it please your Excellency,

WE hope your Excellency will not impute our Omission to answer your Message of the 22d Day of *March* last to any Thing but the true Cause, our close Application to a Bill for his Majesty's Service and our common Safety, which, from the Length and Variety of Matter contained in it, has almost totally ingrossed our Thoughts.