

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

"Gentlemen of the Lower House of Assembly,

"I HAVE not, agreeable to my Expectations, yet received from all the Officers of the Ranging Parties on our Frontiers, proper Accounts and Returns of the Men under their Command; but as the Estimates some Time since laid before you, and the Papers herewith sent, will shew you, that, in Consequence of the Letters of Credit which I gave the Officers, confiding you would enable me to support such Parties till something more effectual can be done for the Protection of the back Inhabitants, I must, ere this, be made liable to the Payment of more Money than was granted by the two Ordinances: I hope you will not hesitate to make some farther Provision for the Support of those Parties, and my Reimbursement.

"HOR<sup>o</sup>. SHARPE."

On reading the said Message, Ordered, That an Address be prepared to his Excellency in Answer thereto, and that the Committee of Laws do prepare and bring in the same.

The Bill entituled, *A further additional Supplementary Act to an Act entituled, An Act for amending the Staple of Tobacco, for preventing Frauds in his Majesty's Customs, &c.* was read the second Time, and will pass; and was sent to the Upper House by Mr. Edmondson and Major Travers.

*The House adjourns till II of the Clock Afternoon.*

*Post-Meridiem.* The House met according to Adjournment, &c.

Mr. Bracco appeared in the House.

Richard Lee, Esq; from the Upper House, delivers to Mr. Speaker the Bill entituled, *An Act for preventing the Evils occasioned by Masters of Ships, &c. dealing with or entertaining Servants or Slaves*; indorsed thus, "By the Upper House of Assembly, April 19, 1756. Read the second Time, and will pass, with the following Amendments: The Fines and Forfeitures mentioned therein, to be one half to the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary, his Heirs, and Successors, for Support of Government; the other half to the Informer, or him or them, that will sue for the same. Signed per Order, J. Ro<sup>t</sup>, Cl. Up. Ho."

Major Hall, from the Committee of Laws, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker an Address to his Excellency; which was read, approved, and ordered to be ingrossed.

Mr. Matthew Tilghman, from the Committee of Laws, 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,

IN Answer to your Excellency's Message of this Day, we beg Leave to acquaint you, that as we have a Bill before us, almost ready to be sent to the Upper House, well calculated to protect our Frontiers, which, if passed into a Law, will render the Ranging Parties, at present there, of no Use:

We, therefore, hope your Excellency will excuse our not granting any more Money by Way of Ordinance, as a Method so much more regular and effectual, is on the Point of Perfection.

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

Ordered, That Mr. Edmondson and Capt. Fenifer 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 his Excellency was pleased to signify he would receive the Address in an Hour's Time in the Conference Chamber.

Ordered, That Mr. Dulany, with Three more, do present the Address to the Governor.

*The House adjourns until the Morrow Morning at VIII of the Clock.*

FRIDAY MORNING, April 23, 1756.

THE House met according to Adjournment, &c

The Bill entituled, *An Act for granting a Supply of Forty Thousand Pounds for his Majesty's Service, &c.* was read the second Time, and will pass; and, with the following Message, viz. By