

by the Lower House of Assembly, *April 23, 1756.*

WE are not less concerned than your Honours, that your Sentiments on a Bill of such Importance, as that sent up by us for his Majesty's Service in general, and our Security in particular, should be communicated to us in a Method not only disagreeable to us, but such as must be disagreeable to this House as long as either established Rules, or Reason, exists.

The Suspicion of your being capable of endeavouring to draw us into Measures, contrary to the established Rules, and destructive to the Rights and Privileges of our House, so naturally arising from the Method of Proceeding proposed in your Messages, tho' we would willingly forget, we are afraid must appear to be too well grounded to every judicious Reader.

We are extremely sorry to find your Honours, after saying you have neither Leisure nor Inclination to enter into Controversies with us, immediately proceeding to justify your own, and blame our Conduct, in the Debate between us; a Behaviour which can tend to nothing but to promote Controversy.

Our Determination not to give you any Answer to what Objections you mentioned against our Bill, did not proceed, as you are pleased to say, from your Honours not having been so fortunate as to make use of the Word *ill*, but very justly from your having been so unfortunate, or whatever you'll please to term it, as to make use of the Word *best*.

If your Honours had at first, or afterwards, when we desired it, said, as you did in your last Message, that you had made what Objections you had to our Bill, we should immediately have considered them, and we are persuaded should have found Means to have obviated such as we thought unreasonable; and we cannot see why you might not as well have kept the Bill till you had known our Result upon that Message, as to have sent it then down with a Negative: Nor do we apprehend, tho' you take it for granted, because we had refused to answer your Objections, when you told us you had taken Notice of and particularized only *one* of them, that those Objections, not being removed, will justify your Conduct, when, by sending down the Bill with your Negative, with the only Message whereby we could understand you had no more Objections to make to it, you precluded us from falling upon any regular Method of Proceeding, which might have brought about the desired Event as to that Bill. But as we are still earnestly desirous to relieve the unhappy People on our Frontier from their Distresses, and to prevent, if possible, the Desolation of that Part of our Country, as well as to demonstrate our Willingness to do every Thing in our Power towards the Support of his Majesty's undoubted Rights on this Continent, we herewith send your Honours another Bill, well calculated for those important Purposes, which we doubt not will meet with your ready Concurrence.

Signed *per Order, M. Macnemara, Cl. Lo. Ho.*

Was sent to the Upper House by *Philip Hammond, Esq;* and *Nine more.*

On Motion, *Ordered*, That an Address be prepared to his Excellency, in Answer to his Message of the 19th Instant, and that the Committee of Laws do prepare and bring in the same.

The House adjourns until II of the Clock Afternoon.

Per Meritum. The House met according to Adjournment, &c.

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

Col. Hammond, from the Upper House, delivers to Mr. Speaker a Bill entituled, *An Act to prevent the Growth of Popery within this Province*; indorsed, "By the Upper House of Assembly, *April 23, 1756.*"

Read the second Time, and will pass.

Signed *per Order, J. Ross, Cl. Up. Ho.*"

Which Bill was read here the first Time, and ordered to lie on the Table.

Major Hall, from the Committee of Laws, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker the following ingrossed Address, &c.

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 ANiwer to your Message of the 19th Instant, we beg Leave to acquaint your Excellency, that we are truly sensible of the deplorable Situation of the back Inhabitants, and desirous to do every Thing in our Power