

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 Message of the twelfth Instant, we beg Leave to observe, that though the Government of *Virginia* have sent Commissioners to the *Cherokee* Country, to make a League with them, in Behalf of these Colonies, and to secure them to our Interest, yet, we cannot think it unnecessary to appoint Commissioners for that Purpose, in Behalf of this Province, who, in Conjunction with such as may be appointed by the Governments of *Pennsylvania* and *North-Carolina*, or either of them, may hold a Treaty with the *Cherokee Indians* in Behalf of their several Provinces, and thereby attach them more firmly to the general Interest of these Colonies, and to their own in particular. And in case Commissioners should be appointed by any other Government to act in Conjunction with those appointed in Behalf of this Province, we conceive the Commissioners of this Province will be sufficiently impowered, by the Bill now before the Upper House, if they shall judge it needful, to apply at least 1500 *l.* Part of the Money thereby appropriated for engaging the Assistance and cultivating the Friendship of the Southern Tribes of *Indians*, towards Building and Garrisoning a Fort in the *Cherokee* Country; and therefore we cannot think it necessary to apply the Thousand Pounds, intended by that Bill to be given in Presents to those Tribes of *Indians*, towards finishing and supporting the Fort, for which, your Excellency tells us, the *Virginians* have voted the Sum of Two Thousand Pounds.

The House adjourns till the Morrow Morning at VIII of the Clock.

FRIDAY MORNING, May 14, 1756.

THE House met according to Adjournment: All the Members appeared as Yesterday, except Capt. Tolley.

Ordered, That Capt. *Crabb* and Capt. *Gassarway* 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 in an Hour's Time in the Conference Chamber.

Ordered, That Col. *Henry* and Mr. *Hawkins* do present the Address.

Philip Hammond, Esq; from the Committee of Laws, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a Bill entitled, *An Act for Regulating the Militia of the Province of Maryland*; which was read the first Time, and ordered to lie on the Table.

Col. *Tilghman*, 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.

Col. *Tilghman*, from the Committee of Laws, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker the following ingrossed Address, viz.

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IT appearing to this House, by Report of their Committee for inspecting the Condition of the Arms and Ammunition of this Province, (an Extract from which is hereto annexed) that *Henry Walls*, the Armourer, has been very Remiss in the Duty of his Trust, which, in this Time of uncommon Danger, we conceive, ought to be most strictly complied with.

It becomes our indispensable Duty to those we Represent, humbly to request your Excellency would be pleased to remove the said *Henry Walls* from his said Place of Armourer, and put that Trust, at this Time of no small Importance, in the Hands of such other Person, as to your Excellency's Wisdom shall seem meet.