

HORATIO SHARPE, Esq; Governor.

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The following Message, viz.

By the Lower House of Assembly, May 22, 1756.

May it please your Honours,

WE desire your Honours Concurrence to the Ordinance herewith for conveying his Excellency to appoint a Person to receive and indent for the Proportion of Arms and Ammunition his Majesty has been pleased to order for our Use; and for empowering the Treasurer to defray the Expence of bringing the same into this Province.

Signed per Order, M. Macnemara, Cl. L. Ho.

And the following Ordinance, viz.

WHEREAS his Majesty has been graciously pleased to order Ten Thousand Stands of Arms, and a proportionable Quantity of Ammunition, to be employed for the Service of his Colonies, and from Time to Time there shall be Occasion; and it is required that each Colony, to which any of these Arms shall be delivered, give Security to return them to the Officer his Majesty has been pleased to appoint, except in Case of their being lost in Battle, or taken or destroyed by the Enemy: And it being necessary that some Person should be appointed to receive the Proportion of said Arms and Ammunition, which may be allotted for this Government, It is Ordained by his Excellency the Governor, and the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly, That any Person his Excellency shall name and appoint, be, and is hereby empowered to receive the said Arms and Ammunition, and that this Government will stand and be Security, for returning to the Officer his Majesty has been pleased to appoint as aforesaid, any Number of said Arms, which may be delivered to the said Person, so appointed to receive the same, except in Case of their being lost in Battle, or taken or destroyed by the Enemy; and that the said Person be empowered to indent accordingly. And it is further Ordained, That the Treasurers of this Province shall, by Order under the Hand of his Excellency, defray the Expence of conveying and bringing the said Arms and Ammunition into the same, and that the said Expence be allowed them in their respective Accounts.

Read and Assented to by the Lower House of Assembly,

Signed per Order, HENRY HOOPER, Speaker.

Were sent to the Upper House by Mr. John Goldsborough and Mr. Carroll.

On Motion, Ordered, That the Affair of Mr. John Rawlings, of Frederick County, which was referred last Session to be considered this Session, be referred for Consideration to the next Session of Assembly.

Mr. Carroll, 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. Carroll, 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,

THIS House has agreed to an Ordinance, to be made in Concurrence with your Excellency and the Upper House, that any Person you shall please to appoint, shall be empowered to indent for and receive the Arms and Ammunition that his Majesty has been pleased to order for our Use; and that this Province will stand and be Security to return to the Officer, any Number of Arms which may be delivered for the Use of this Province, except such of them as may be taken in Battle, or destroyed by the Enemy; and that the Treasurers of this Province shall pay the Expence of bringing hither the said Arms and Ammunition, for which they shall be allowed in their Accounts.

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

Ordered, That Capt. Jenifer and Mr. Matthew Tilghman 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 Philip Hammond, Esq; and Mr. John Goldsborough, do present the Address to his Excellency.

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