

On Consideration of the Right Honourable *Henry Fox*, Esq; his Letter, as one of his Majesty's principal Secretaries of State, dated at *Whitehall* 13th of *March*, 1756, to the Governor of this Province, the Question was put, Whether this House will now make Provision for paying for such Servants as have been enlisted within this Province into his Majesty's Forces in *America*, or Not? *Resolved* in the Negative.

For the NEGATIVE,

Messrs	{	T. Reeder,	Smallwood,	M. Tilghman,	Frazer,	Casson,
		Hicks,	Stoddert,	Edmondson,	Hawkins,	Scarborough,
		Hammond,	Jenifer,	Gray,	Dulany,	J. Henry,
		Carroll,	Handy,	Travers,	Lloyd,	Evans,
		Reynolds,	J. Goldborough,	Murdock,	E. Tilghman,	B. Handy.

For the AFFIRMATIVE,

Mess.	{	Mills,	Williamson,	Tolley,	Earle,	Bracco,
		Hynson,	Wallis,	Govane,	Ward,	Beall.

His Excellency the Governor communicated to Mr. Speaker, the following Answer to the Address of this House, viz.

“ Gentlemen of the Lower House of Assembly,

“ I AM obliged to you for doing me the Justice to believe, that I was prompted by an earnest Zeal for his Majesty's Service, and a warm Concern for the *British* Interest in *America*, to give the Colonels of the Militia such an Instruction as is mentioned in your Yesterday's Address. I cannot but commend you for doing what you may think your indispensable Duty; but I am apt to believe that none of the Gentlemen, to whom the Recruiting Instructions were sent, thought themselves directed, by an Expression in them, to put the good People of this Province to any Inconveniencies, much less to be Guilty of a Breach of an Act of Parliament.

“ September 18, 1756.

HOR<sup>o</sup>. SHARPE.”

On Motion, that a Bill be brought in, *To lay an Embargo on all Provisions, Resolved Unanimously*, That as there is an Act of Assembly of this Province, which sufficiently Prohibits the Exportation of Grain, Provision, &c. to any of the *French* Islands or Territories, that there is not an immediate Occasion to lay an Embargo on Provisions.

On Motion, That an Address be prepared to his Excellency, to acquaint him that this House hath deliberated and determined upon the several Matters recommended in his Speech, *Resolved*, That an Address be prepared accordingly.

Ordered, That Mr. *Hammond*, Col. *Tilghman*, and Mr. *Lloyd*, do prepare and bring in such Address.

Col. *Tilghman* brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker an Address to his Excellency, which was Read, Approved, and Ordered to be ingrossed.

Col. *Tilghman* 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,

AS your Excellency, in your Speech at the Opening of this Session, was pleased to say, “ you had several other Matters to communicate to us, but should postpone them till you should understand that we had come to some Determination on those you had then submitted and recommended to our Consideration;” we beg Leave to acquaint your Excellency, that we have come to a Determination on those Matters, and earnestly request you will be pleased now to communicate to us whatever you may think proper to be recommended to our Consideration at this Meeting, that we may do all in our Power to lessen the Burthen to the good People of this Province, which always (and the Inconvenience to ourselves which at this Time) must necessarily attend our being here.

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