

Which was Read and Assented to, and Signed, by Order of the House, by the Honourable Speaker.

Ordered, That Mr. *Cajon* and Mr. *Benjamin Handy* 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 be ready to receive the Address immediately in the Conference Chamber.

Ordered, That Mr. *Carroll*, with Five more, do present the Address to his Excellency.

The House adjourns until Monday Morning at IX of the Clock.

MONDAY MORNING, September 20, 1756.

THE House met according to Adjournment: All the Members appeared as on Saturday, except Mr. *Reynolds*, Mr. *Gozane*, Mr. *Lloyd*, and Major *Travers*.

Mr. *Paca*, Mr. *James John Mackall*, Mr. *Benjamin Mackall*, Col. *Fitzbugh*, and Capt. *Jordan*, appeared in the House.

The Governor communicated to Mr. Speaker the following Message, viz.

"Gentlemen of the Lower House of Assembly,

"I AM glad to find by the Address which was presented Saturday Evening, that you have come to a Determination on the Matters that were recommended to you at the Opening of this Session; and as no one can be more desirous than myself of lessening the Burthen, which is always brought on the good People of this Province by your sitting here, I earnestly recommend it to you, with the utmost Dispatch to Frame a Bill, in Consequence of the Determination you are come to, that it might be offered to the Gentlemen of the Upper House for their Concurrence, and, as soon as possible, be passed into a Law.

"Gentlemen,

"At the Beginning of our last Session, you were pleased to declare it as your Opinion, That the most essential Strength of every free Government consists in a well-armed and well-regulated Militia, and that on such a One as ours, at this Season, chiefly depend for our Security: As our present Militia Laws do not give the Officers sufficient Power to compel their respective Regiments or Companies to march and serve in Defence of their Country, we can, I think, have but little Dependence on the Militia of this Province. If therefore you are now at Leisure, and continue of the same Opinion that you entertained at the Opening of the last Session, or if my Recommendations have any Weight with you, you will proceed to Frame a Bill for giving the Officers of the Militia such a Power as the present Posture of Affairs, on the Continent, and the Condition of this Province in particular, renders expedient and necessary.

"September 20, 1756.

HOR^o. SHARPE."

The House adjourns till II of the Clock Afternoon.

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

Mr. *John Reader*, Capt. *Edward Sprigg*, Mr. *Waggaman*, Major *Hyland*, and Capt. *Dennis*, appeared in the House.

Capt. *Dennis* *Thomas Beale Worthington*, a Delegate returned to serve in this General Assembly, by Return of the Sheriff of Anne-Arundel County, appeared in the House.

Ordered, That Capt. *Goffaway* and Mr. *Carroll* do go with Capt. *Worthington* to the Upper House to see him qualified. — They return and acquaint Mr. Speaker they saw him qualified in the usual Manner.

The Gentleman took his Seat in the House.

The House adjourns until the Morrow Morning at IX of the Clock.

TUESDAY MORNING, September 21, 1756.

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

Mr. *Lloyd* appeared in the House.

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