

Col. *Tilghman* brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker the following 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 we find by Examination of the Accounts of the Agents, appointed by an Act of Assembly, entitled, *An Act for granting a Supply of Forty Thousand Pounds for his Majesty's Service, and striking Thirty-two Thousand and Fifteen Pounds Six Shillings thereof in Bills of Credit, and raising a Fund for sinking the same,* that a very considerable Part of the Eleven Thousand Pounds, by that Act appropriated to the Building and Erecting One Fort, and any Number, not exceeding Four Block-Houses, on the Western Frontiers of this Province, &c. has been already expended; and as we understand your Excellency has been pleased to undertake the Direction of the Building and Constructing thereof, we humbly request you will be pleased to inform us in what Forwardness that Fort and those Block-Houses are, and what are the Dimensions of them: And that your Excellency will now be pleased to communicate to us whatever you think necessary to be recommended to our Consideration at this Meeting, particularly relative to the Defence and Security of our Western Frontier, that we may proceed with all possible Dispatch in Framing a Bill now before us, for his Majesty's Service in general, and that important End in particular.

On Reading the said Address, the Question was put, That the said Address be Assented to. *Resolved* in the Affirmative.

For the AFFIRMATIVE,

Members	{	T. Reeder,	Worthington,	Stoddert,	Paca,	Henry,
		Hicks,	Fitzhugh,	Jenifer,	Hyland,	Evans,
		J. Reeder,	Reynolds,	J. Handy,	Murdock,	B. Handy,
		Hammond,	I. J. Mackall,	Waggaman,	Frazer,	Beall,
		Gassaway,	B. Mackall,	M. Tilghman,	Hawkins,	Sprigg.
		Carroll,	Smallwood,	Gray,	E. Tilghman,	

For the NEGATIVE,

Members	{	Mills,	Wallis,	Edmondson,	Earle,	Casson,
		Hynson,	Dennis,	Govane,	Ward,	Scarborough.
		Williamson,	J. Goldborough,			

The Address was accordingly indorsed, "Read and Assented to," and Signed, by Order of the House, by the Honourable Speaker.

*Ordered,* That Mr. *Waggaman* and Capt. *Jenifer* 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 be ready to receive the Address immediately in the Conference Chamber.

*Ordered,* That *Philip Hammond*, Esq; with Three more, do present the Address to his Excellency. The Governor communicated to Mr. Speaker the following Message, *viz.*

*Gentlemen of the Lower House of Assembly,*

WHEN, in Compliance with the Earl of *Loudoun's* Requisition, I sent Instructions to the Officers of the Militia to enlist Men for the *Royal American Regiment*, I persuaded myself that Part of the Forty Thousand Pounds, lately granted for his Majesty's Service, would, agreeable to his Royal Pleasure, have been appropriated many Days ago to defray the Expence of raising a Number of Men in this Province for the Regiment abovementioned, and that an Act would have been passed for that Purpose, before any Demand could be made on me for Money to defray such Expence; I am sorry to find my Hopes were without Foundation: But as I am obliged, at this Time, to pay a considerable Sum of Money for a Number of Recruits that are already sent me, and expect to be called on every Hour for larger Sums, I must