

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,

WE think it our indispenfible Duty to make use of this Opportunity of Remonstrating to your Excellency (tho' we cannot do it without much Reluctance) on the Subject of your Message of the 25th March, 1755, in Relation to the Conduct of Mr. Justice *Rawlings* (whose Character, as we understand the Gentleman is now dead, we are extremely sorry to bring again to public View); which we should have done long since, had not we thought proper that his Majesty's Service, and our own immediate Security against our Foreign Enemies, should almost entirely engage our Attention.

The Representation and Request, which, by our Address of the 15th March, 1755, we made on that Subject, we did hope would have had their due Weight; and were much surprized at your Excellency's intimating to us your Opinion, not only that Mr. *Rawlings* was not so culpable as our Committee seemed to have imagined, but that he did not appear to have been Guilty of any Misdemeanour whatever. We most humbly intreat your Excellency's Patience while we recapitulate the Affair.

The Report of the Committee and annexed Papers, which were laid before your Excellency, were as follows:

“ By the Committee of Grievances and Courts of Justice, February 28th, 1755.

“ Upon the Representation of Mr. *Henry Wright Crabb*, one of the Members of the Honourable House, that a certain *John Rawlings*, Gentleman, one of the Justices of the Peace for *Frederick County*, had, under Colour of such his Office, caused one *Thomas Kelley*, a Freeholder of the same County, to be taken up for a Soldier, and that without any Application to him made by any Officer or Officers thereto authorized by an Act, entituled, *An Act for taking and detaining able-bodied Men for his Majesty's Service*, and contrary to the Tenor of the same Act: As also that he the said *Rawlings*, by his Letter dated the 23d Day of *December* last past, directed to Messieurs *Lynn, Jones, and Prather*, Justices of the same County, hereunto annexed, had granted his Warrant to *William Spiers*, against a certain *Benjamin Harris*, for the Sum of Two Pounds Ten Shillings, when at the same Time he by the said Letter confesses there was a greater Sum due to the said *Spiers* from the aforesaid *Harris*. And further that he the aforesaid *John Rawlings* did, on the 4th Day of *January* last, commit a certain *John West* to the Sheriff of the same County by an illegal Mittimus, a Duplicate of which is hereto annexed. All which Actings of the said *Rawlings*, your Committee conceive to be contrary to Right and Law: But is humbly submitted to the Consideration of your Honourable House. Signed per Order. *William Wilkins*, Clerk.”

“ Mr. LYNN, or Mr. JONES, or Mr. PRATHER.

“ GENTLEMEN, -

“ As I have issued a Warrant against *Benjamin Harris*, at the Suit of *William Spiers*, for Two Pounds Ten Shillings, desire that you will not sign up a Judgment against the Plaintiff, for to my Knowledge he has been very ill used by *Harris*; and I verily believe that Debt to be just, and more if he could bring it under a Warrant. Am your very humble Servant,

JOHN RAWLINGS.”

“ December 23d, 1754.

“ *Frederick County*, ff.

“ Take into your Custody the Body of *John West*, junior, and him safe keep in your Goal till he has given you Security for his Appearance on the Third Tuesday in *March*, 1755, at *Frederick County Court*, in the Sum Twenty Pounds, to answer the Complaint that I shall make against him. Fail not at your Peril. Given under my Hand and Seal this 4th Day of *January*, 1755.

JOHN RAWLINGS. L. ● S.

“ To SAMUEL BEALL, Esq; Sheriff.

“ You are to receive the said *John West*, junior, by the Hands of *Luke Bernard*, Constable.”

“ *Frederick County*, ff.

“ Take into your Custody the Body of *John West*, junior, and him have before me for destroying my  
 “ Warrant