

him to execute it uprightly for the Time to come; and were greatly disappointed by your Excellency's Recommendation to us, *to forbear to meddle, for the future, with such Complaints as are* (as your Excellency was pleased to say) *if not groundless, relievable elsewhere, and the proper Objects for the Enquiry of another Jurisdiction*; of which we flatter ourselves we have now satisfied your Excellency the contrary.

And we humbly beg Leave to declare to your Excellency, that we shall always, as we look upon it to be our indispensable Duty, and one great End of our Institution, and without which the People's Liberties will be but merely nominal, strictly enquire into, and freely represent, every Misconduct or Misbehaviour in the Administration of the Government, and Execution of the Laws of this Province, which we may discover tending to the Prejudice of the good People thereof, by whomsoever committed or suffered; still confident, from your Excellency's own good Intentions, and benevolent Disposition, you will always, for the future, exert all the Power you are invested with, to afford the People of this Province, his Majesty's good and loyal Subjects, an adequate Redress to every Grievance, which, by the Representation of their Deputies in Assembly, may be laid before you, in doing which, whatever Expence it may be to the Country, we can depend our Constituents will think it Money well laid out.

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

Ordered, That Mr. Hammond 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 immediately at the Council Chamber.

Ordered, That Mr. Lloyd, and Five more, do present the Address to his Excellency.

Col. Henry brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker, an Ingrossed Bill, entituled, *An Act for his Majesty's Service, and the more immediate Defence and Protection of the Frontier Inhabitants of this Province*; which was Read and Assented to, and sent to the Upper House, with the Paper Bill thereof, by Mr. Lloyd and Col. Henry.

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

SATURDAY MORNING, May 7, 1757.

THE House met according to Adjournment: All the Members appeared as Yesterday, except Mr. Mackall and Mr. Earle.

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,

WE agree with you in the Expediency of securing the *Indians* to the *British* Interest; and therefore, in order that your Excellency may send an agreeable Answer to the Letter or Message, which has been sent to you from some of them, who, by that Letter, appear to be now on our Frontier, accompanied with a Present, we have agreed to an Ordinance, for empowering the Treasurer of the Eastern Shore, to pay your Excellency One Hundred Pounds Currency, to be laid out in Goods proper to be given to those *Indians*. Whoever has supplied, or shall supply, those *Indians* with Provisions, while on our Frontier, shall be paid their reasonable Accounts.

We humbly crave Leave on this Occasion to observe, that the *Catawba Indians* having carried some Scalps to the Government of *Virginia*, where we understand the Reward for them is but Ten Pounds, and not having applied here, there seems Room to apprehend that these People are not informed of the Reward of Fifty Pounds per Scalp offered by this Government, and it is highly probable, from their Remoteness, that the *Cherokees* are as ignorant of it as they: We must therefore take the Freedom to request, that your Excellency will be pleased to Order, that both those Nations of *Indians* may be well informed of the aforesaid Reward offered by this Government, and that it may be also published in the Gazettes of all the neighbouring Colonies and Provinces.

We cannot, without some Uneasiness, remark, that your Excellency should keep the above Letter or Message in your Hands several Days, without communicating it to this House, which has prevented our