

“ now lies for my Assent; and as it has been a Question, what Part of the Province is to be understood by that Word, I must desire you to give me your Sense of the Word, and particularly what Part of Maryland you designed by it in the following Clause of the abovementioned Bill; And be it further Enacted, That the said Five Hundred Men, or so many of them as shall be at any Time in the Pay of this Province, except such Number as may be necessary to be left at Fort Frederick, shall be employed in Ranging about the Frontier thereof, for the Quiet and Protection of the Inhabitants. Provided always, and be it Enacted, That when, upon any Emergency, his Majesty's Commander in Chief, or Person properly authorized, shall judge it expedient to march any Part of the said Five Hundred Men from the Frontier of this Province, then and in such Case, so many of the aforesaid Men shall be left at Fort Frederick, under a proper Command, as the Governor or Commander in Chief of this Province, for the Time being, shall judge necessary for the more immediate Defence and Protection of the Frontier Inhabitants thereof.

“ May 7th, 1757.

HOR<sup>o</sup>. SHARPE.”

On Reading the said Message, Ordered, That an Address be prepared to his Excellency in Answer thereto; and that Col. Tilghman, Mr. Hammond, Mr. Carroll, and Mr. Matthew Tilghman, do prepare and bring in the same.

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,

IN Answer to your Message of this Day, we hope the Present which we have put into your Excellency's Hands, for the small Party of Indians, may sufficiently shew our good Inclination towards them, and encourage them to deserve our further Marks of Friendship. We are sorry an Affair of such Importance, as Impowering Persons to pay for every Contingency, which may possibly arise on the coming into, or Passage through, this Province, of any of those People, should be mentioned to us just at a Time when we thought we had Reason to imagine all Business was at an End. We are really much fatigued by a long and close Attendance on the public Business, and very desirous of going to our respective Homes, and hope we shall be excused in not entering upon any new Matter at this Time. If the Behaviour of the Southern Tribes of Indians should be such as may shew a good Inclination to attach themselves to the British Interest, nothing reasonably, within the Power of this House to establish them, shall be wanting.

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

Ordered, That Mr. Bracco and Capt. Feniser 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 his House.

Ordered, That Mr. Govane and Mr. Reeder do present the Address to the Governor.

Mr. Carroll brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker, an Address to his Excellency; which was Read, Approved, and Ordered to be Ingrossed.

Mr. Carroll 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,

IT gives us the greatest Concern to find your second Message of this Afternoon, so unprecedented, that we conceive we cannot, without departing from the established Mode of Proceeding, give any other Answer to it, than that it is Unparliamentary.

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

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Ordered,