

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,

HAVING now under our Consideration the making Provision for the Reception of some of his Majesty's Regular Forces into Winter Quarters, we apprehend it necessary we should be informed what Number of those Forces are proposed to be Quartered within this Province, and at what particular Places, to enable us to judge what is most expedient to be done for the Ease and Quiet of the good People of this Province, and the Accommodation of those Troops; and therefore request you'll be pleased to furnish us with that Information.

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

Ordered, That Mr. Govane and Mr. Ward 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 they delivered the Message, and that the Governor was pleased to signify he would be ready to receive the Address in Half an Hour's Time in the Conference Chamber.

Ordered, That Dr. Steuart, and Three more, do present the Address to the Governor.

Philip Hammond, Esq; a Delegate returned for Anne-Arundel County, appeared in the House.

Ordered, That Mr. Gassaway and Mr. Carroll do go with that Gentleman to the Upper House, to see him Qualified. They return and acquaint Mr. Speaker, That they saw him Qualified in the usual Manner.

The Gentleman took his Seat in the House.

On Motion, Ordered, That the Serjeant at Arms, attending the Lower House of Assembly, do take into his Custody the Body of John Ridout, Esq; and him safe keep, so that he have him at the Bar of this House in his Custody, for his Contempt in refusing to attend according to Order of the House.

The House adjourns until II of the Clock Afternoon.

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

Ordered, That the following Rules be observed as such during this Session, viz.

1. That no Member of this House shall use any reviling Speeches, or name any Member by his proper Name, otherwise than for Distinction's Sake; but shall rather use some other Signification, as, *The Gentleman that spoke last*, or the like.

2. That no Member speak above once at the Reading of any Bill or Debate, without License of the Speaker and the House; and if Two Persons, or more, shall rise up together, the Speaker shall appoint who shall speak first; and no Member shall interrupt any other, until the Gentleman speaking hath ended.

3. That none shall deliver his Opinion, or speak to any Bill or Debate, unless he shall stand up, and reverently direct his Speech to the Speaker.

4. That every Bill proposed to the House shall be Read Two several Days before it is sent to the Upper House, and once after, before it be Ingrossed, and that between every Reading one Day shall be intermitted; and that in that Time the Bill be laid on the Table, for the Perusal of all the Members; unless, on very urgent Occasions, Mr. Speaker, with the Consent of the House, shall dispense therewith; and then one Bill being Read Twice at one Sitting, shall be as sufficient as if Read several Days, when so entered in the Clerk's Journal.

5. That no Person shall come into the House of Assembly whilst the same is Sitting, with Sword or other Weapon, upon Penalty of such Fine as shall be imposed on them by the Speaker, not exceeding Five Shillings for any Offence.

6. That if any Member, bound to attend this Assembly, shall be absent at the Hours and Place appointed, after the Number of Twelve of the Members, with the Speaker, are met, according to the Order for Sitting, shall be fined according to the Discretion of the Speaker, not exceeding Five Shillings for any Offence; unless upon such lawful Excuse as the Speaker shall admit of.

7. All Misdemeanours which shall happen in the House, shall be censured and fined in the House.

8. That no Bill shall be Read at any Time during this Session, till all the Members in Town be called in; except on some Excuse to be admitted by the Speaker.

9. That if any Member of this House do depart, without Leave from the Honourable Speaker and the House, such Member shall forfeit all his preceding Allowances due to him for his Attendance that Session.

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Resolved