

F R I D A Y, October 7, 1757.

**T**HE House met according to Adjournment: The Members were called, and all appeared as Yesterday. The Proceedings were Read.

The Order of the Day being Read; the House proceeded to take into Consideration the Petition of *Richard Gresham* and Others, complaining of an undue Election in *Kent County*; and on Hearing the said Petition, the Question was put, Whether the Petitioners shall be allowed to give in Evidence to this House any Irregularities that are not particularly mentioned in the Petition, or Not? *Resolved* in the Affirmative.

For the AFFIRMATIVE,

Messrs	{	Plater,	Worthington,	Lee,	Edmondson,	Frazer,
		Key,	B. Mackall,	Dent,	Gray,	T. Gantt,
		Sothoron,	J. J. Mackall,	Stoddert,	Sulivane,	King,
		Hammond,	Reynolds,	Waggaman,	Hyland,	Sudler,
		Galloway,	E. Gantt,	Wilson,	Dulany,	Handy.
		Carroll,	Hanson,	Goldborough,	Woodward,	

For the NEGATIVE,

Messrs	{	M. Tilghman,	Owings,	Murdock,	Bracco,	Chapline,
		Govane,	Earle,	Lloyd,	Henry,	E. Dorsey,
		J. Dorsey,	Baker,	E. Tilghman,	Harris,	Cresap.
		Cockey Deye,	Ward,			

His Excellency the Governor communicated to Mr. Speaker, the following Message, *viz.*

“ GENTLEMEN of the Lower House of ASSEMBLY,

“ **B**Y Two Letters which I lately received from one of his Majesty’s principal Secretaries of State and Rear Admiral *Holburne*, we are called on to furnish a Number of Seamen for the Fleet that his Majesty has been graciously pleased to order to *America* for our Protection. Inclosed are Copies of the Letters for your Perusal. I shall be glad to have your Advice before I answer them; and hope you will not refuse to comply with the Admiral’s Request.

“ 7th of October, 1757.

“ HOR<sup>o</sup>. SHARPE.”

Which was Read, and Ordered to lie on the Table.

The Petition of *Richard Gresham* and Others, was referred for further Consideration in the Afternoon.

*The House adjourns until 11 of the Clock Afternoon.*

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

Mr. *Benjamin Mackall*, Mr. *Owings*, Mr. *Frazer*, and Mr. *Reynolds*, have Leave of the House to go home till Monday.

The House proceeded to take into Consideration the Petition of *Richard Gresham* and Others; and on fully hearing Mr. *Richard Gresham* at the Bar of this House, on Behalf of himself and the other Petitioners, and on mature Consideration of the Allegations and Facts contained in the said Petition, and also those complained of at the Bar by the Petitioners, and of the Merits of the said Election, Unanimously Dismissed the said Petition.

His Excellency the Governor communicated to Mr. Speaker, the following Message, *viz.*

“ GENTLEMEN of the Lower House of ASSEMBLY,

“ **I**N a Letter that I writ to Sir *John St. Clair*, about Six Weeks ago, I told him, that the Inhabitants of this Province would be put to great Inconveniencies if the Earl of *Loudoun* should require them to furnish so many as Two Thousand Men with Winter Quarters: I said our Towns were very small, as well as few in Number, and intimated to him, that in Proportion to the Number of Soldiers that should be ordered hither, they must expect to be better or worse accommodated. You will, I doubt not, believe, that I consulted the Inclinations and Ease of your Constituents when I made this Representation; and I hope it will determine his Lordship to order only one Regiment to this Province. I am glad you are of Opinion, that Ten Companies can be well accommodated here; I was much afraid they could not; but indeed, tho’ there is a great Scarcity of Inns in most of our Towns, there are Houses enough that will, upon Occasion, make very good Barracks.

“ 7th of October, 1757.

HOR<sup>o</sup>. SHARPE.”

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