

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

" GENTLEMEN of the Lower House of ASSEMBLY,

" I THINK proper to inform you, that, upon the Application of Captain *Chapline*, a Member of your House, and a great Number of our Frontier Inhabitants, I did, the 3d of *August* last, order Captain *Delashmutt* and Captain *Moses Chapline* to march Part of their respective Companies, and to patrole on the Frontiers for their Protection. The Time for which they were ordered out, is now expired; but they tell me, that if other Parties are not sent to relieve them, the Settlement of *Conococheague* will, in all Probability, be immediately broke up, the People being thrown into the greatest Consternation by an Account that they have received from the Mouth of *Opeekon* River in *Virginia*, near which Place it is said that Seventeen Persons were killed and captivated by a large Party of *Indians* the 30th of last Month, while the Garrison of Fort *Frederick* is too weak and sickly to send out so many and such large Parties as the Inhabitants think necessary for their Security. I do not choose, at this Time, to order out any more of the Militia without your Advice; but, if you think it necessary, I will issue Orders for that Purpose.

" 7th of *October*, 1757.

HOR^o. SHARPE."

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

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

SATURDAY, *October* 8, 1757.

THE House met according to Adjournment: All the Members appeared as Yesterday, except Mr. *Fraser*, Mr. *Benjamin Mackall*, and Mr. *Rafin*.

On Motion, That an Address be prepared to his Excellency, to return him the Thanks of this House, for favourably Representing to the Earl of *Loudoun* the great Inconveniencies that would result to (and the Inability of) this Province, to accommodate more than Ten Companies; Ordered, That Col. *Tilghman*, Mr. *Carroll*, Mr. *Murdock*, Mr. *Matthew Tilghman*, Mr. *Edward Dorsey*, and Mr. *Dulany*, do prepare and bring in such Address.

Mr. *Murdock* 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 is with the greatest Satisfaction we observe, from your Excellency's Message of the Seventh Instant, your early Endeavours to lessen the Number of Soldiers proposed to be sent hither for Winter Quarters; and as we are persuaded your Excellency has considered the Circumstances, and consulted the Ease, of our Constituents, we beg you would accept our sincere Acknowledgment for this Mark of your Attention and Regard to their Welfare.

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

Ordered, That Mr. *Lloyd* and Col. *Henry* 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, They delivered the Message, and that the Governor was pleased to signify he would be ready to receive the Address immediately in the Conference Chamber.

Ordered, That Mr. *Goldborough*, with Seven more, do present the Address to his Excellency.

It appearing by Evidence at the Bar of this House, that *Hercules Coutts*, Sheriff of *Kent* County, at the late Election of Representatives to serve in this General Assembly for the said County, was absent and intoxicated with Liquor the greatest Part of the Time, from the Opening to the Closing the Polls;

Resolved, That the said *Hercules Coutts* be taken into Custody by the Serjeant at Arms.

Resolved,