

Post-Meridiem. The House met according to Adjournment, &c.
The Petition of *Josiah Beall*, complaining of an undue Election for *Frederick County*, was preferred to this House.

On Reading thereof, *Ordered*, That an Hearing be had on the said Petition, at the Bar of this House, on Thursday the 27th Day of *October* Instant, at Ten of the Clock in the Morning.

And that the Sheriff of *Frederick County* do attend at the Bar of this House at the Time aforesaid, and bring with him the original Poll taken at the late Election of Delegates for the said County.

Ordered, That Lists of the controverted Votes shall be mutually exchanged between *Mr. Josiah Beall*, the Petitioner, and *Col. Thomas Cresap*, one of the Sitting Members, at or before Twelve of the Clock on Saturday the 15th Instant, with such Objection or Objections which they intend to insist upon, set against the Name of each Person whose Vote they intend to dispute; and that such Lists shall be respectively confined to such Voters as were objected to at the Time of their giving their respective Votes.

Ordered, That the Petitioner, and all Parties concerned, have Summonses for Witnesses in Relation to the Allegations and Facts contained in the said Petition, upon Application made to the Clerk of this House for that Purpose.

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

F R I D A Y, *October* 14, 1757.

THE House met according to Adjournment: The Members were called, and all appeared as Yesterday, except *Mr. Sudler* and *Mr. Sothoron*. The Proceedings were Read.

Mr. Matthew Tilghman appeared in the House.

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

On Motion, That an Address be prepared to his Excellency the Governor, in Answer to his Message of the 7th Instant, which inclosed a Copy of a Letter from one of his Majesty's principal Secretaries of State, and another from Rear Admiral *Holburne*; *Ordered*, That *Col. Tilghman*, *Mr. Dulany*, and *Mr. Murdock*, do prepare and bring in such Address.

Mr. Edward Oldham, a Delegate returned for *Talbot County*, appeared in the House.

Ordered, That *Mr. Goldsborough* and *Mr. Edmondson* do go with him 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.

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,

WE are greatly concerned to find, by your Message of the 7th Instant, that while there have been a Number of Troops kept up under your Command, in the Pay of this Province, on the Frontiers thereof, more than sufficient for the immediate Defence and Security of the back Inhabitants, there should be Applications made to you by *Capt. Joseph Chapline*, and a Number of those People, for Protection against their Savage Enemies; and we cannot but be of Opinion, that if even a Part of those Troops had been put upon, and punctually performed, the Duty clearly enjoined them by the Law, by which they were raised and supported, there would not have been any Room for those Applications, or the least Pretence for ordering out any Part of the Militia in Consequence thereof; and this Opinion we are confirmed in by the Sentiments of *Capt. Joseph Chapline*, now a Member of our House, and several other back Inhabitants: And therefore, as the ordering out the Militia is a Measure we cannot approve of as to what has past, so we think it would be wrong for the present.

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

The House adjourns until II of the Clock Afternoon.