

On Motion, *Ordered*, That Maj. *Hynson*, Capt. *Gassaway*, Mr. *Edmondson*, Mr. *Plater*, Mr. *Harris* and Mr. *Sudler*, be added to the Committee of Accounts.

On Motion, *Resolved*, That this House will not proceed upon any New Business this Session after next Monday.

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

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

Mr. *Thomas Gantt*, Mr. *Murdock*, Mr. *Sudler*, Mr. *Edward Gantt*, and Mr. *Hammond*, have Leave to be Absent 'til Monday.

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

Mr. *Chapline* brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker, an Ingrossed Bill, entitled, *An Act to prohibit raising of Swine and Geese in Frederick Town in Frederick County*; which was Read and Assented to.

Mr. *Matthew Tilghman*, from the Committee of Grievances and Courts of Justice, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker the following Report, *viz.*

*By the Committee of Grievances and Courts of Justice, Decemb. 2, 1757.*

YOUR Committee beg leave to observe, from the several Depositions herewith laid before the Honourable House, such Abuses appear to have been Committed by Inhaling Officers, and Recruiting Parties, as have been very injurious to his Majesty's Subjects in this Province, and, if not speedily put a stop to, must unavoidably disquiet the Minds of the good People of this Province, and obstruct his Majesty's Service, and be productive of many and great Evils: But the Method to bring about this desirable End, is humbly submitted to the Wisdom of the House.

Signed per Order, *William Watkins*, Clerk.

Which was Read, and the House Concurs therewith.

On Motion, that an Address be prepared to his Excellency on the Matters set forth in the said Report.

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Edward Dorsey*, Mr. *Matthew Tilghman*, and Mr. *Lloyd*, do prepare and bring in such Address.

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

Mr. *Matthew 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,*

THE General Embargo laid about *March* last, upon all Vessels in this Province Outward bound, being a Measure new and unknown in this Government, and having drawn down Consequences so destructive of the Interest of many of the good People thereof, that the Necessitous have been obliged to part with their Grain and other produce of their Labour, at a Price much below the real Value, in order to sustain their Families and pay their Public Taxes, which many are even rendered unable to do; and those who have not been under a Necessity to part with their Commodities at an under Rate, have them now perishing on their Hands: We think ourselves obliged, in Duty to our Constituents, to request that your Excellency will be favourably pleased to inform us by what Authority the Embargo was laid, and by what Power it was so far dispensed with, that some particular Vessels were permitted to depart the Province during the Continuance of that Embargo.

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

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Lee* and Mr. *Plater* 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 be ready to receive the Address immediately in the Conference Chamber.

*Ordered*, That *Alexander Williamson*, Esq; with Three more, do present the Address to his Excellency.

On Reading and Considering his Excellency's Message of the 19th of *November*, and a Copy of the Earl of *Loudoun's* Letter, communicated to Mr. Speaker therewith: *Ordered*, That Col. *Tilghman* and Mr. *Dorsey* do prepare and bring in an Address to his Excellency, in Answer to the Matters contained in the said Message and Letter.