

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, *Oraered*, That an Address be prepared to his Excellency, setting forth the Matters contained in the Report from the Committee appointed to enquire into the Disbursement of the Monies raised by the several Acts of Assembly for Maintaining the Forces to Guard the Western Frontier of this Province, and into the State and Condition of Fort *Frederick*, and into the Conduct and Behaviour of the Officers and Soldiers supported in the Pay of this Province; and that Col. *Tilghman*, Mr. *Dorsey*, and Mr. *Matthew Tilghman*, do prepare and bring in such Address.

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

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,

AS we looked upon the Cultivating the Friendship of the Southern Tribes of *Indians*, engaging their Assistance against his Majesty's Enemies, and Establishing them in the *British* Interest, as a Matter of very great Importance, both to the Common Cause, and the immediate Security of our Frontier Inhabitants, we did, in our Bill for his Majesty's Service and our own Security, some Time since offered to the Upper House, direct that the Sum of 2000 *l.* should be laid out, by the Agents by that Bill nominated, in such Goods as might be thought most acceptable to those *Indians*, and that those Goods should be lodged at *Frederick-Town* in *Frederick* County, and should be Distributed at Fort *Frederick* to any such Parties of those *Indians* as might come into this Province, and engage in any Service against the Common Enemy, upon their return from that Service, in such Quantities as your Excellency, or the Governor or Commander in Chief of this Province for the Time being, should judge ample Rewards for their respective Services, and by Order, under Hand, direct and appoint; and we can only express our great Concern, that our good Intentions, in proposing a Measure which in all probability might be so conducive to the Safety of our distressed Frontier People, and to the Establishment of numerous Tribes of *Indians* in the *British* Interest, should be rendered ineffectual by the Negative of the Upper House passed upon that Bill.

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

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Lee* and Mr. *Hanson* 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 receive the Address in a Quarter of an Hour in the Conference Chamber.

*Ordered*, That Col. *Henry*, with Three more, do present the Address to his Excellency.

Mr. *Williamson* is added to the Committee appointed to Tax the Fees which have accrued due to the several Officers of this House, and Others, on the several Petitions complaining of undue Elections.

Mr. *Govane* brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker, the following Report, *viz.*

By the Committee appointed to enquire into the Facts set forth in the Petition of *Susanna Risteau, Widow and Administratrix of Talbot Risteau, late of Baltimore County, Deceased.* Decem. 5. 1757.

IT appears to your Committee, by a Letter from Col. *Wm. Young*, Deputy Commissary of *Baltimore* County, that the said *Susanna Risteau* hath fully Administrated and Paid away the Deceased's Personal Estate, and that the same was not sufficient to discharge his just Debts. Your Committee find in *October* Provincial Court 1755, Judgment was obtained by *Sampson Levi*, against the said *Susanna Risteau*, in her Capacity aforesaid, for the Sum of 767 *l.* 18 *s.* Sterling, of which only the Sum of 143 *l.* 11 *s.* 1 *d.* appears to have been paid by the said Administratrix, and, as your Committee are informed, great part of the said Judgment still remains unsatisfied, as also several other Debts.

Your Committee well know the House mentioned in the said Petition to be in a ruinous Condition, and without a Tenant for some Time past, and that it stands in a Town unlikely to Flourish, or that the Houses therein will ever be more valuable than at this present Time; for which Reasons your Committee conceive the Sale of the said House and Lots (according to the Petitioner's Prayer) would tend greatly to the Advantage