

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

On Reading the Report, brought in by Mr. Goldsborough on the 4th of November, 1757, Ordered, That a Bill be brought in to Revive the Act for the speedy and effectual Publication of the Laws of this Province, and for the Encouragement of Jonas Green, of the City of Annapolis, Printer; and that the Committed appointed to enquire what Laws will expire (if not Revived this Session) do prepare and bring in the same.

Ordered, That Mr. Key be added to the Committee appointed to enquire what Laws will expire with this Session, if not Revived.

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

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

GENTLEMEN of the Lower House of ASSEMBLY,

INCLOSED you have Mr. Giles's Account for Transporting hither, from the Head of the Bay, the Five Companies of the Royal American Regiment, that are now Quartered in Annapolis. As his Majesty expects that every Province will defray all such Expences as may be occasioned by his Troops Marching, or being Transported from one Part of such Province to another, I must, in Obedience to his Majesty's Commands, desire you to provide for the Payment of Mr. Giles after such Manner as you shall think proper.

December 8, 1757.

HORATIO SHARPE

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

Mr. Dorsey brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker, the following Address, viz.

To his Excellency HORATIO SHARPE, Esq; Governor and Commander in Chief in and over the Provinces of MARYLAND:

The humble ADDRESS of the House of DELEGATES.

May it please your EXCELLENCY,

THOUGH we are of Opinion we cannot, consistent with our Duty, burthen our Constituents with the Support of a Garrison at Fort Cumberland, yet, if the Measures mentioned in Captain Beall's Letter of the Second of December, inclosed in your Message of the Seventh, should put it out of your's and all the King's Officers Power, to supply any Troops the King may leave at that Fort with Provisions, or should compel his Garrison to abandon that Place, with it's Artillery and Stores, to his Majesty's Enemies, it would give us equal Concern with your Excellency.

If any Member of our House has done any unwarrantable Act in Frederick County, to prejudice his Majesty's Service, we don't doubt but that your Excellency, who is invested with the executive Power in this Government, will take Care that every legal Step is taken to bring him to condign Punishment.

The ample Provision we have this Session endeavoured to make for his Majesty's Service, by a Bill sent to the Upper House, will, we hope, convince every impartial Man, that your Excellency could not have the least Reason to suspect, that any Thing done by a Member of our House, to obstruct his Majesty's Service, could be with our Approbation; and that the groundless Insinuation implied in the Words ("not with your Approbation I hope") thrown into your Excellency's Message, could proceed from nothing but an ungenerous Disposition in you to propagate an Opinion, that the Conduct of this House has afforded Room for a Suspicion of our being Disaffected to his Majesty. It will give us as great Concern, as it possibly can your Excellency, to find any Measures have been taken by the Back Inhabitants to obstruct his Majesty's Service; and our Proceedings will manifest to the World, that we have always hitherto used our utmost Endeavours to avert the Evils that have more immediately threatened those People, and we are Resolved still to pursue the same Conduct: We are under the greatest Anxiety for them, and have already used our best Endeavours for their Relief by a Bill for that Purpose sent to the Upper House; in which such Rates were settled for Waggon Hire, as would have made them easy, and prevented their taking any ill-advised Steps, that might lay you under Difficulties, or bring Ruin on themselves.

We hope we shall not be answerable for what Col. Cresap may have told the People, in Relation to his Majesty's Fort: Our Resolves are public, and we don't doubt but we shall be able to justify them. We hope the People on the Frontiers will be better advised than to continue to detain any Waggons that have been legally pressed from them for his Majesty's Service: If they should not, we are persuaded your Excellency will think it your Duty to have the Laws put in Execution against them.

Whatever.