

in Emergencies his Majesty's Commander in Chief, or Person properly authorized, should judge it expedient to detach any Part of the said Five Hundred Men from the Frontier of this Province, he should command them all, except so many as the Governor or Commander in Chief of this Province for the Time being, should judge necessary for the more immediate Defence and Protection of the Frontier Inhabitants thereof, which were to be left at Fort *Frederick*, and were to Range as by that Act is directed; yet those Troops being chiefly made use of for Garrisoning Fort *Cumberland*, where they could be of very little if any Service to our Frontier Inhabitants, we did, in our Bill sent to the Upper House this Session, make Provision for supporting Three Hundred Men (thinking that Number full enough) to be stationed at Fort *Frederick*, and to act as Rangers for the immediate Defence and Security of our Frontier Inhabitants, hoping their Conduct for the future might be better than it had been, and that they might do the Service destined them by that Bill; and we hope we have Power so to do. We would not willingly act in Opposition to the Powers, with which his Majesty has been graciously pleased to invest the Earl of *Loudoun*, but would freely contribute every Thing which can reasonably be desired of us, consistent with the Trust reposed in us, for supporting his Lordship in the Exercise of that Power, as well as in the Execution of all his Majesty's Royal Commands, for defeating the ambitious Designs of our common Enemy; and more, we are firmly convinced, our Gracious Sovereign does not nor ever will require of us.

And we hope we may be permitted on this Occasion to observe, that as we have granted Three Thousand Pounds towards Recruiting his Majesty's *Royal American Regiment*, and have passed a Law for Payment for Servants which have been Enlisted into his Majesty's Service, which must considerably burthen the Public, we have the less Reason to apprehend it will be required of us alone to support a Garrison at a Fort so little useful as Fort *Cumberland*; must be towards the Security of our Back Inhabitants.

*May it please your Excellency,*

As we have been so unhappy as to have our Endeavours for his Majesty's Service, and our own Security, frustrated, by the Non-concurrence of the Upper House to our Bill, we know not what other Measures to fall upon at this Time, consistent with the Trust reposed in us, to bring about those desirable Ends; and as the Severity of the Season now makes our sitting here uncommonly irksome, and must shortly render our getting to our Homes extremely difficult, we hope we shall be excused from entering upon any Thing new this Session.

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

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Reynolds* and Mr. *King* do acquaint his Excellency the Governor, That this House hath prepared an Address, to be presented to him, and desires to know when and where he will be pleased to receive it: They return and acquaint Mr. Speaker, That the Governor signified he would receive the Address at his House immediately.

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Lloyd*, with Three more, do present the Address.

The House proceeded to Tax the Bill, entitled, *An Act to empower Susanna Risteau, Widow and Administratrix of Talbot Risteau, late of Baltimore County, Deceased, to Sell the House and Lands therein mentioned, for the Payment of the Debts of the said Talbot Risteau;*

To the Honourable Speaker,            £. 4 0 0  
To the Clerk,                                 2 0 0

Col. *Tager*, from the Upper House, delivers to Mr. Speaker, the following Address to his Excellency the Governor; an Address to the Lord Proprietary, a Petition to his Majesty, and a Representation to the Lords of Trade and Plantations; which were severally Signed by the President of the Upper House.

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,*

HAVING thought it our Duty to prefer an humble Petition to his most Sacred Majesty, in order to obtain a Suspension of the late Act of Parliament, prohibiting the Exportation of Grain and Provisions from his Majesty's Colonies in *America*, and also to represent to the Lords Commissioners for Trade and Plantations,