

fore the Lower House of Assembly, we are somewhat at a Loss to know his Lordship's Meaning by the following Expression; *Propose such an Act as is not only agreeable to the Instructions, but agreeable to our happy Constitution of Government in the British Dominions*; and as we presume Something may have passed between his Lordship and your Excellency, that may enable you to explain that Expression, we humbly request your Excellency will be pleased to give us all the Information you are able relative thereto.

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

*Ordered*, That Mr. Carroll and Mr. Gray 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 please to receive it. They return and acquaint Mr. Speaker, That the Governor signified he would receive the Address immediately in the Conference Chamber.

*Ordered*, That Col. Tilghman, with Three more, do present the Address.

Mr. Murdock brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker, Books of Accounts relating to the Transactions of the Agents appointed by the Acts of Assembly for raising Supplies for his Majesty's Service, made in May and October Sessions 1756, and in April Session 1757; which were ordered to lie on the Table.

*The House adjourns till II of the Clock.*

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

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

GENTLEMEN of the Lower House of ASSEMBLY,

BY a Letter that one of his Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, was pleased to send me the 13th of March, 1756, and which was laid before the late Lower House of Assembly, it was signified to be his Majesty's Pleasure, that the Funds which might be raised in this Province for the Public Service, should be issued and applied to the General Service, in such Manner as the Commander in Chief should direct; perhaps the Earl of Loudoun alludes to this Letter by the Word *Instructions* used in that which is now under your Consideration; or, perhaps he alludes to the Instructions that were sent by the Ministry to the Governors of the Northern Colonies, upon their attempting to restrain the Service of some of the Troops, which were raised in those Colonies: I can only say farther, in Answer to your Address, that I have never used the Word *Instructions* in any Letter that I have writ to the Earl of Loudoun, neither has any Thing passed between his Lordship and me, that enables me to explain that Expression better than you may yourselves do.

15th February, 1758.

H O R °. S H A R P E.

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

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

GENTLEMEN of the Lower House of ASSEMBLY,

I THINK proper to inform you, that the *Cherokees* who were at Fort Frederick the First of December, have continued ever since that Time in the Service of this Province: They went to annoy the Enemy on the *Ohio*, and Part of them are again gone towards Fort Duquesne with the same Design; when these return to Fort Frederick, they will, I understand, expect some Reward, even though they should be unsuccessful, and if they should be disappointed in such their reasonable Expectations, they will, I am afraid, go home much dissatisfied, and carry such an Account to their Towns as might have a very bad Effect, and lessen the Regard which those People have lately shewn for his Majesty's Subjects in general, and in particular for the Inhabitants of *Maryland*. Induced by such Apprehensions, I recommend it to you to appropriate a Sum of Money for the Use of these *Indians*, that his Majesty's Superintendant of *Indian Affairs* in this Part of *America*, might have it in his Power to make them such Satisfaction for their Services, since they came to this Province, as he might have made them if they had continued so long in the Service of the Dominion of *Virginia*.

15th February, 1758.

H O R °. S H A R P E.

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

The House again took into Consideration the Governor's Speech, together with the Earl of Loudoun's Letter, and *Resolved*, That the same be further considered on the Morrow Morning.

*The House adjourns till the Morrow Morning at IX of the Clock.*