

We shall immediately take that Letter, and one from General ABERCROMBIE, by your Excellency laid before us, under our most serious Consideration; and hope our Determinations thereupon will evince, that the fresh Instance his Majesty has given of his paternal Care and Solitude for the Preservation and Welfare of these Colonies, has made the due Impressions on us; and that we are extremely anxious to preserve the good Opinion he has been favourably pleased to entertain of his faithful and truly loyal Subjects, the Inhabitants of Maryland.

We are duly sensible of the Interest this Province has in the Event of the ensuing Campaign; and we shall, with the greatest Cheerfulness, do every Thing that can be reasonably expected of us towards strengthening the Hands of Brigadier FOXES with such Succours, as may enable him to answer our most Gracious Sovereign's Expectation, and speedily deliver us from the Dangers which are hanging over us. And we shall entirely rely on the Recommendations his Majesty has been graciously pleased to assure us shall be made to Parliament, in their Session next Year, to grant a proper Compensation for the Expences that his good Subjects of this Province may be at, in an extraordinary Exertion of their Force.

And permit us, Sir, on this Occasion to acknowledge our Gratitude to our most Gracious Sovereign, for his truly wise and patriot Regulation, which impowers your Excellency to issue Commissions to such Gentlemen of this Province, as you shall judge, from their Weight and Credit with the People, and their Zeal for the Public Service, may be best disposed and enabled to quicken and effectuate the speedy Levying the greatest Number of Men. A Measure, which we hope will not fail of having the desired Effect; and that Men, really fit for his Majesty's Service, from their near Connections and intimate Acquaintances with the Gentlemen which will be put into Commissions, will be induced to enlist and enter freely, upon an Enterprize, in which they are to follow the Fortune, and share the Fate of their Friends and Neighbours, and that under the Command of those, in whose known Justice, Humanity and Bravery, they can confide.

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

Ordered, That Mr. Lloyd, and Mr. Dulany, do acquaint 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 in a Quarter of an Hour's Time, in the Conference Chamber.

Ordered, That Mr. Goldborough, with Twelve more, do present the Address to his Excellency.

On Motion, Resolved, That this House will (Afternoon) take into Consideration Mr. Secretary Pitt's and General Abercrombie's Letters, communicated by his Excellency to this House.

Mr. Carroll brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker, an Address to the Governor; which was Read, Approved, and ordered to be Ingrossed.

Mr. Carroll 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,

UPON Consideration of your Message of Yesterday, this House has come to a Resolution to apply the Sum of Three Hundred Pounds, out of the Money now in the Hands of the Agents, as a Present for those Cherokee Indians, that your Excellency has been pleased to inform us, have continued with us ever since November last, to be laid out by the said Agents, with your Approbation, in such Goods as may be most proper to be presented to them, and also to make such Allowances as shall be thought reasonable, for defraying the Expences of the Interpreter, Conductor, and the Indians now in this City. And we shall immediately prepare a Bill for those Purposes, which we hope will evince the Sincerity of our frequent Declarations, that we look upon the cultivating the Friendship of the Southern Tribes of Indians, and engaging their Assistance against his Majesty's Enemies, as a Matter of very great Consequence to the Common Cause, and the immediate Security of our Frontier.

The Accounts your Excellency has been pleased to send, with that Message, shall, as soon as we conveniently can, be taken into Consideration.

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

Ordered, That Mr. Matthew Tilghman, and Mr. Benjamin Mackall, do acquaint 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 Council Chamber.