

made in the Year Seventeen Hundred and Thirty-two : And that the Commissions are made out conformable thereto.

Which is submitted to the Consideration of the Honourable House.

Signed per Order, WILLIAM WILKINS, Clerk.

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

The House adjourns till II of the Clock.

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

The Address to his Excellency was Read, Approved, and Ordered to be Ingrossed.

Mr. Murdock 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,

WE received with the greatest Pleasure, the Information your Excellency has been pleased to give us of the Reduction of Fort Duquesne, by his Majesty's Troops, under the Command of Brigadier-General Forbes. Be pleased, Sir, to accept our Congratulations upon this happy Event; and permit us, with Hearts warmed with unfeigned Loyalty, to express our ardent Wishes, that the like Success may attend his Majesty's Arms, wheresoever employed in the glorious Cause of Liberty, and the Protestant Religion.

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

Ordered, That Col. Hopper and Mr. Govane 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 receive it. They return and acquaint Mr. Speaker, That the Governor signified he would receive the Address in an Hour's Time in the Conference Chamber.

Ordered, That Col. Fitzbush, with Five more, do present the Address to the Governor.

Col. Cresap brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker, the following Report, viz.

By the Committee appointed to enquire into the Conveniencies of Clearing a Road from Fort Frederick to Fort Cumberland, thro' this Province, and to make an Estimate of the Expences of the same.

YOUR Committee have made an Enquiry into the Situation of the present Waggon-Road from Fort Frederick to Fort Cumberland, and are of Opinion, that the Distance by that Road from one Fort to the other, is at least Eighty Miles; and find that the Waggons, which go from one Fort to the other, are obliged to pass the River Patowmack twice; and that for one Third of the Year they can't pass without Boats to set them over the River.

Your Committee have also made an Enquiry into the Condition of the Ground, where a Road may most conveniently be made through Maryland, from one Fort to the other, and are of Opinion, that a good Waggon Road may be made to go altogether on the North Side of Patowmack, which will not exceed the Distance of Sixty-two Miles, at the Expence of Two Hundred and Fifty Pounds Current Money, as may appear from the following Estimate, viz.

An Estimate of the Expence of Clearing a Road from Fort Frederick to Fort Cumberland, and the several different Stages.

For clearing a Road from Fort Frederick to Licking-Creek, 3½ Miles,	_____	_____	_____	0 0 0
From Licking-Creek to Poakes's Creek, 8½ Miles,	_____	_____	_____	12 0 0
From Poakes's Creek to the Mouth of Sidling-Hill-Creek, 12 Miles,	_____	_____	_____	16 0 0
For a Bridge over Sidling-Hill-Creek,	_____	_____	_____	60 0 0
From Sidling-Hill-Creek to Fifteen-Mile Creek, 4 Miles,	_____	_____	_____	22 0 0
From Fifteen-Mile Creek to Town-Creek, 15 Miles,	_____	_____	_____	140 0 0
From Town-Creek to Col. Cresap's a good Road 4 Miles,	_____	_____	_____	0 0 0
From Col. Cresap's to Fort Cumberland wants no clearing 15 Miles,	_____	_____	_____	0 0 0

£. 250 0 0

Your Committee are of Opinion, that a Road through Maryland will contribute much to lessen the Expence