

Ordered, That the Gentlemen continued on the several standing Committees last Session, be continued thereon this Session.

The House adjourns till II of the Clock.

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

On Motion, the Address to the Governor being Read the second Time, was approved, and ordered to be Ingrossed.

Col. Tilghman 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, his Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Delegates of the Freemen of Maryland, in Assembly convened, return your Excellency our Thanks for your Speech at the Opening of this Session.

His Majesty's paternal Solitude, to improve the great and important Advantages gained the last Campaign, to repair the Disappointment at *Ticonderoga*, and by vigorous and extensive Efforts to avert all Dangers which may threaten *North-America* from any future Irruptions of the *French*; and the Confidence he has been pleased to express, that all his faithful and brave Subjects here will co-operate with, and second to the utmost, the extraordinary Succours supplied by the Kingdom of *Great-Britain* for our Preservation and Defence; demand the warmest Acknowledgments from every Well-wisher to the *British* Interest.

Animated by a just Sense of our Duty to the best of Kings, of Gratitude to our Mother Country, and the powerful Motive of Security to Ourselves and our Fellow-Subjects, we shall once more exert our Endeavours to comply with his Majesty's Royal Expectations, and the Requisitions of his General, signified in the Letters which you have been pleased to lay before us.

And we hope, whoever may have occasioned a Failure last Year, will be induced by the Contents of those Letters, to embrace the Opportunity which now presents itself (especially as your Excellency is pleased to say it will probably be the last they may have) of making in some Sort Amends, by a ready Concurrence with every equitable Proposal which may be made for promoting his Majesty's Service, now so warmly recommended to us.

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

Ordered, That Mr. *Murdock*, and Mr. *Carroll*, 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 half an Hour hence, in the Council Chamber.

Ordered, That *Alexander Williamson*, Esq; with Five more, do present the Address.

On Motion, Leave given, to bring in *A Supplementary Bill to the Act, entitled, An Act for the Advancement of Justice*:

Ordered, That Mr. *Key* and Mr. *Carroll* do prepare and bring in the same.

On Motion, Leave given, to bring in a Bill *To reduce the Interest of Money and Tobacco*:

Ordered, That Mr. *Key*, Col. *Tilghman*, and Mr. *Murdock*, do prepare and bring in the same.

A Petition of *Nicholas Maccubbin*, of the City of *Annapolis*, Merchant, complaining of an undue Election and Return, made by the Mayor, Recorder and Aldermen of the City of *Annapolis* aforesaid, of Dr. *George Steuart*, as a Delegate for the said City, was Read the first Time, and Ordered to lie on the Table.

On Motion, the Petition of *Nicholas Maccubbin* was again Read; and, thereupon Ordered, That an Hearing on the said Petition be had at the Bar of this House on Monday next at Eight of the Clock in the Morning, being the Ninth Instant.

Ordered, That Lists of the Controverted Votes, shall be mutually exchanged between *Nicholas Maccubbin* and Dr. *George Steuart*, on Saturday the Seventh Instant, by Twelve of the Clock at Noon, with the particular Objections which they intend to insist upon, set against the Name of each Person whose Vote they intend to Dispute; and that such Lists shall be respectively confined to such Voters as were objected to at the Time of their giving their respective Votes.

Ordered,