

We think it unnecessary to assure your Excellency, that we are so far from wishing to lose, that we hope long to enjoy the Fruits of the late successful Expedition to the Westward: That we are so far from wishing to see the *French* again in Possession of the *Ohio* Country, and our Frontiers exposed to the dreadful Incursions of their *Indian* Allies, that we earnestly hope, by the Blessing of God on his Majesty's Arms, and the Wisdom of his Councils, the *French* will be entirely extirpated out of all his Dominions in *North-America*, and their *Indian* Allies thereby be rendered subject to, and dependent upon, the Crown of *Great-Britain*.

That we have, and always have had, a due Regard for our Safety, and the Safety and Welfare of our Posterity; That we have, and always have had, a due Regard for the Reputation of the Province; That we are, and always have been, animated by the laudable Examples of our Fellow-Subjects in the neighbouring Colonies; And that we have, and always have had, a proper Sense of Gratitude to the best of Kings, for his tender Concern and Solitude for our Security and Welfare, and to our Mother Country for the powerful Succours supported at so vast an Expence for our Protection; we hope the Proceedings of this House will evince.

We do not choose to enter into a Dispute at this Time with your Excellency upon the Impropriety of your attempting to prescribe to us what Methods to pursue for raising Supplies for his Majesty's Service, or what to deviate from, or how far such a Conduct may tend to deprive us of the Right lodged solely in us of proposing such Ways and Means, and framing such Bills for raising Supplies from the People, as we think most reasonable, most equitable, and most conducive to their Ease and Quiet; tho' there may be Reason to apprehend they may be assented to with no small Degree of Reluctance by any other Branch of the Legislature.

We are surprized your Excellency should imagine we could be guilty of so great an Absurdity, as to Resolve that we would "on no Account whatever, adopt any of the various Methods by which Supplies have been heretofore raised in this Province, nor propose" (for we must here take the Freedom to assure your Excellency we shall not receive any that may be proposed by any other Branch) "any Supply-Bill, unless it be exactly on the same Plan with those, or rather that," as you are pleased to say, "which the Gentlemen of the Upper House have four Times refused to pass, for many Reasons that have been signified to us;" and which, permit us, Sir, to say, have their full Answers in the Proceedings of the Lower House of Assembly.

However, we have thought proper that a Copy of all the Resolves of the House this Session, relating to his Majesty's Service, and the Defence and Security of this Province, should herewith be laid before your Excellency, in order that his Majesty's General may see, that nothing has been, and may be induced to entertain an Opinion, that nothing will be, wanting in us for promoting the general Service, which we can do consistent with the Duty we owe to those we Represent.

Which was Read the first and second Time by especial Order; and the Question was put, That this House do approve the said Address. *Resolved* in the Affirmative.

For the AFFIRMATIVE,

Members	{	Williamson,	J. J. Mackall,	Cockey Deye,	Ward,	Tilghman,
		Hynson,	Hanson,	Govane,	Mauldin,	T. Harris,
		Hammond,	Dent,	J. H. Dorsey,	Murdock,	Chapline,
		Gaskway,	Stodert,	Owings,	King,	E. Dorsey,
		Carroll,	Sulivane,	Earle,	Beall,	Cresap.
		Worthington,	Travers,			

For the NEGATIVE,

Members	{	Plater,	Gresham,	Waters,	B. Harris,	Edmondson,
		Ken,	Tilden,	C. Goldsborough,	Selby,	Bowman,
		Sethson,	B. Mackall,	Dulany,	Crabb,	Gibson.
		Greenfield,	Waggaman,	Steuart,	J. Goldsborough,	

In Pursuance of the foregoing Resolution, the said Address was Indorsed, "Read, Approved, and Ordered to be Ingrossed."

*The House adjourns till II of the Clock.*

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

Mr. Gantt appeared in the House.

Col. *Tilghman* brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker, the Address to the Governor, Ingrossed; which was Read and Assented to, and Signed, by Order of the House, by the Honourable Speaker.

*Ordered,*