

Saturday and Part of Monday, some of the Gentlemen of your House being absent by the Leave of the House; on Tuesday Afternoon, the 21st Instant, all the Gentlemen of your House met; and upon Consideration of the Form abovementioned, agreed to propose to the Gentlemen of the Upper House, the following Alterations therein, and Addition to be made thereto; after the Word *experienced*, in the Nineteenth Line, instead of the Words *in the amplest Manner*, insert these Words, *so far as their particular Circumstances would admit*. After the Word *Blessings*, in the 27th Line, instead of the Words, *we have so long enjoyed during*, insert these Words, *which have flowed from*. At the End, add these Words, *and that there may never be wanting one of your Royal Descendants to fill the Throne, till Time shall be no more*.

That the Members of your House being divided in Opinion, upon the Expediency of making any farther Addition to the said Form, thought proper to recur to the House for their Instructions. That in Compliance with the Directions of the Honourable House, your Members did, at a Meeting of the whole Committee on Thursday Morning the 23d Instant, propose to the Gentlemen of the Upper House a fair Draft of the above Address, with the Alterations and Addition before noted, and the further Addition following, *viz.*

*But may it please your Majesty to indulge us, destitute as we are of the proper Means of obtaining Access to the Throne, while we make Use of this Opportunity of humbly expressing our Concern, that this Province has, during the present just and necessary War, contributed so little to the Service of our late most Gracious Sovereign; and our Confidence, that, until a full Enquiry be made into the Causes thereof (which we most earnestly desire) and the People shall be permitted to raise a Support for an Agent, who may lay all their Grievances which they suffer under the Government of their Lord Proprietary, properly before your Majesty, you will be graciously pleased to continue that favourable Opinion, which, we hope, you have hitherto entertained of your Protestant Inhabitants of the Province of Maryland; than whom, permit us, Royal Sir, to say, your Majesty has not, in all your Dominions, Subjects more Loyal, more hearty Well-wishers to our present happy Establishment, or more firmly or affectionately attached to your most Sacred Person and Government.*

That the Gentlemen of the Upper House, upon being told that the said Draft, with the Alterations and Additions aforesaid, was offered by Direction of your House, and was delivered them for their Consideration, after Reading over the same, immediately left the Members of your House without saying one Word; which Behaviour, tho' the Members of your House could not but look upon as a Dissolution of the Committee of the Two Houses, yet considering it might possibly proceed from Inadvertence, were willing to give Time for any Proposal, which might be thought proper to be made by the Gentlemen of the Upper House; but not having the least Intimation from, or Hopes of any farther Intercourse with those Gentlemen, your Members concluded to report the whole Matter as soon as the Passage of the Bill for his Majesty's Service (on which your House had Resolved to proceed on Saturday) would permit.

Which being Read a first and second Time, the House concurs therewith; and thereupon Ordered, That Mr. Edward Tilghman, Mr. Matthew Tilghman, Mr. Carroll, Mr. Hammond, and Mr. Murdock, do prepare and bring in an Address of Condolance and Congratulation to his Majesty.

Mr. Ringgold brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker, the following Report:

Maryland, *J.*

*By the Committee appointed by the Lower House of Assembly to enquire into the Securities given by the several Naval Officers of this Province; as also to enquire into the Security given by Philip Lee, Esq; late Naval Officer of the District of Patowmack; and likewise to report who was Naval Officer of Pocomoke, and who were his Securities in the Year 1755.*

**Y**OUR Committee report, that they cannot find any Bonds or Securities of Naval Officers lodged in the Secretary's Office (where Office Bonds are usually lodged) and finding by the Act made in 1751 to oblige the Naval Officers to give sufficient Bonds for what Monies they shall receive belonging to the Public, that the Bonds so directed to be taken are by the said Act to be lodged with the Clerk of the Council for the Time being, and to be kept in the Council Office, one of your Committee applied to John Ross, Esq; Clerk of the Council, to permit them to see the Naval Officers Bonds, lodged there, and received for Answer, that the Bonds of the Naval Officers were taken payable to the Governor, and lodged amongst the Records of his private Council, and that he could not permit your Committee to see them without Orders from the Governor; but that he would speak to the Governor about it, and since informed one of your Committee they could not be permitted to see them, without an Application from your House to the Governor. Your Committee further report, that they were informed by the said John Ross, Esq; that he believed