

Mr. *William Smallwood*, a Delegate Elected by the Freeholders of *Charles County*, to serve in the General Assembly of this Province, appeared in the House.

Ordered, That Mr. *Hanson* and Mr. *Stodert* do go with Mr. *Smallwood* to the Upper House, to see him Qualified. They return and acquaint Mr. Speaker, They saw him Qualified in the usual Manner.

The Gentleman took his Seat in the House.

The House adjourns till II of the Clock Afternoon.

Post-Meridiem. The House met according to Adjournment.

The Order of the Day was Read.

His Excellency communicated to Mr. Speaker, the following Message :

GENTLEMEN of the Lower House of ASSEMBLY,

AS I think it would become us, in an Address of Condolance to his Majesty, to express our Sense of the great Loss which he and his Subjects have sustained by the Death of our late most Gracious and Excellent Sovereign, and at the same Time to congratulate his Majesty on his happy Accession to the Throne of his Ancestors, I take the Liberty to intimate as much to you; and if you approve of the Proposal, I shall be glad to join with the Gentlemen of the Upper House and You in such Address.

The 15th of April, 1761.

HOR^o. SHARPE.

On Reading and Considering the above Message; Ordered, That an Address be prepared to his Excellency in Answer thereto; and that Mr. *Edward Tilghman*, Mr. *Matthew Tilghman*, Mr. *Murdock*, Dr. *Steuart*, Mr. *Dulany*, and Mr. *Hammond*, do prepare and bring in the same.

Mr. *Tilden* appeared in the House.

Ordered, That Major *Hynson* and Mr. *Ringgold* do go with Mr. *Tilden* to the Upper House, to see him Qualified. They return and acquaint Mr. Speaker, That they saw him Qualified in the usual Manner.

The Gentleman took his Seat accordingly.

Ordered, That the Gentlemen appointed to draw the above Address, be appointed to join in a Committee with the Members appointed by the Upper House to draw an Address of Condolance on the Death of his late Majesty, and Congratulation on the Ascension of his present Majesty to the Throne of his Ancestors.

Mr. *Edward Tilghman* brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker, an Address to his Excellency; which was Read, Approved, and Ordered to be Ingrossed.

Mr. *Edward Tilghman* brings in the following Ingrossed Address :

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 cannot but agree with your Excellency in Opinion, that it would become us to join in such an Address to his Majesty as you have been pleased to mention in your Message of this Afternoon; and we propose to proceed with the Gentlemen of the Upper House in the Forming thereof, in order that it may be presented to your Excellency for your Approbation.

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

Ordered, That Mr. *Sullivan* and Mr. *Govane* do acquaint his Excellency, 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 it in a Quarter of an Hour in the Conference Chamber.

Ordered, That Mr. *Benjamin Mackall*, with Three more, do present the Address to his Excellency.

The following Message was sent to the Upper House by Mr. *Matthew Tilghman* and Mr. *Dulany*.

May it please your HONOURS,

AS the Governor has been pleased to intimate to us his Desire to join both Houses in an Address of Condolance to his Majesty, to express the Sense we all have of the great Loss which he and his Subjects have sustained by the Death of our late most Gracious and Excellent Sovereign, and at the same Time to congratulate his Majesty on his happy Accession to the Throne of his Ancestors; and as we cannot doubt of your ready Concurrence therein, we have named Mr. *Edward Tilghman*, Mr. *Matthew Tilghman*, Mr. *William Murdock*, Mr. *Walter Dulany*, Dr. *Steuart*, and Mr. *John Hammond*, to join such Members as your Honours shall appoint, to form such Address, in order that it may be presented to his Excellency for his Approbation.

Signed per Order, JOHN ALLEN THOMAS, Cl. Lo. Ho.

The Order of the Day being Read; the House refers the Consideration of it till the Morrow Morning IX of the Clock.

The House adjourns till the Morrow Morning IX of the Clock.