

On Motion of Mr. *J. Tilghman*, That an Address be prepared to his Excellency, requesting him to lay before this House any Instruction he may have from his Majesty, or his Ministers, or from the Lord Proprietary, by which he is restrained from giving his Assent to any regulation of Money in the Inspection Law :

ORDERED, That Mr. *J. Tilghman*, Col. *Tilghman*, Mr. *Ringgold*, Mr. *Hammond*, Mr. *J. Hall*, and Mr. *Murdoch*, do prepare and bring in an Address accordingly.

Mr. *Murdoch* brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker, an Address to the Governor; which was Read, 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,

IN a Message received Yesterday from the Upper House, relative to Proposals which have passed between the two Houses for Framing a new Inspection Law, they are pleased to inform us, that upon Application to your Excellency, they were satisfied by your Answer, that you were so restricted that you could not, with Prudence, and the Obedience you owed to his Majesty and the Lord Proprietary, give your Assent to a new Bill, which should Rate the Species of Coin mentioned in the Statute of the Sixth of Queen *Anne* higher than they are by that Statute rated as a Currency, because such a Regulation had been deemed in *England* to be repugnant to the said Statute: This seems to intimate, that your Excellency has received some Instructions from his Majesty or his Ministers, or the Lord Proprietary, by which you are restrained from giving your Assent to any Regulation of Money in the Inspection Law, now under Consideration, different from that established by the said Statute; for which Reason we must beg that your Excellency will be pleased to communicate to this House any Instruction you may have, respecting that Matter, that due Regard may be paid thereto in our Determination on that Head.

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

The House adjourns till 11 of the Clock Afternoon.

POST-MERIDIEM. The House met according to Adjournment, &c.

ORDERED, That Dr. *Stuart* and Mr. *Thomas* 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 be ready to receive the Address in Half an Hour in the Conference Chamber.

ORDERED, That Col. *Lloyd*, and Five more, do present the Address.

Mr. *Ringgold* brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker, a Bill, entitled, *An Act for the more effectual securing of Orphan's Estates*;

A Bill, entitled, *An additional Supplementary Act to the Act, entitled, An Act for quieting Possessions, enrolling Conveyances, and securing the Estates of Purchasers*;

Which were Read the first Time, and Ordered to lie on the Table.

The Governor communicated to Mr. Speaker, the following Message, viz.

GENTLEMEN of the Lower House of ASSEMBLY,

IN Answer to the Address you have this Day been pleased to present to me, I must inform you, as I did the Gentlemen of the Upper House, that I am, by the King's Instructions, required to pay strict Obedience to the Statute, which was made in the Sixth Year of the Reign of Queen *Anne*, for ascertaining the Rates of Foreign Coins in these Plantations, and that, as I find by several Cautions which have been given me since I Assented to a Continuance of the Inspection Law, that the Clause inserted therein, relative to the Regulation of Coin, hath been deemed at Home Repugnant to the above mentioned Act of Parliament, and, that was I to Assent hereafter to any Act rating the Coins specified in that Statute higher than they are thereby rated, I should run the greatest Risk of incurring both his Majesty's and Lord Proprietary's Displeasure.

I cannot venture to assent to a farther Continuance of the Inspection Law, however useful and advantageous for the Province I may think the other Parts of it, unless that particular Clause be altogether left out, or altered in some Manner or other, to obviate the Objection that has been made to it.

Annapolis, the 4th November, 1763.

HOR^o. SHARPE.

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

On Motion, The Consideration of the Governor's Message on the second Reading, was referred to the Morrow Morning at the Sitting of the House.

Benedict Calvert, Esq; from the Upper House, delivers to Mr. Speaker, a Petition of the Subscribing Inhabitants of *Frederick County*; Indorsed, "By the Upper House of Assembly, Referred to the Consideration of the Lower House of Assembly."

Which Petition was here Read the first Time, and Ordered to lie on the Table.

Mr.