

been commanded and compelled, by a great Number of People that live in that Neighbourhood, to come this Day to *Annapolis*, in order to Learn, from the Members for this County, what State or Situation the Journal is in, and to send an Express immediately to acquaint the People there- with, that according to the Contents or Tenor of such Express, a Number of, the People will, or will not, be within Sight of this Place To-morrow or next Day; I think it my Duty to communicate to you the Information I have received, and recommend it to you to consider seriously the Consequence of large Bodies of People being prompted to come hither on such Account, or assembled with a View to intimidate either Branch of the Legislature, or to lay them under any Restraint.

HOR. SHARPE.

December 10, 1765.

Which being Read the first and second Time, ORDERED, That *Thomas Johnson, Thomas Ringgold, and J. Hollyday, Esqrs. Mr. Worthington, and William Murdock, Esq;* be a Committee to prepare and bring in an Address to his Excellency the Governor, in Answer to his Message.

The House adjourns till the Morrow Morning at VIII of the Clock.

W E D N E S D A Y, December 11.

THE House met. All appeared as Yesterday, except Mr. *Edmondson*, and Mr. *Gibson*. *Thomas Johnson, Esq;* brings in the following Address to the Governor:

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 Answer to your Message of last Night, we assure your Excellency, we are very sensible of the bad Consequences of large Bodies of People coming hither, with a View to Intimidate either Branch of the Legislature, or to lay them under any Restraint. We shall therefore immediately take every Step in our Power to prevent any Measures that may have such Tendency: To which End, we pray your Excellency to lay before us the Evidences you have received of the Arming or Assembling of any Bodies of People with that Intention.

We are very sorry to find such an Imputation on a Member of our House, as that laid on Col. *Cresap*; and we yet have Hopes, your Excellency's Information, in that Particular, is without just Foundation, as it appears by our Journals, that he has not attended the House since the 22^d of November, at which Time we conclude he left this Place; and when it could not be foreseen that any Difficulties would arise between the Two Houses in relation to the Payment of any Public Claims.

As we should be very far from Countenancing, in any of our Members, a Conduct tending to disturb the Public Peace, and deprive any Branch of the Legislature of that Freedom of Debating and Judging, which is essential to the Constitution, we think it a Justice due to the Public, as well as to Col. *Cresap*, that this Charge against him should be examined and set in a True Light; and therefore hope your Excellency will communicate to this House the Evidence on which the Charge contained in your Message, is founded.

Which he Read in his Place, and afterwards delivered in at the Table.

The said Address being Read the first and second Time, by the Clerk, was approved of by the House, and Ordered to be Ingrossed.

Samuel Chase, Esq; brings in, and delivers to Mr. Speaker, a Bill entitled, *An Act for destroying of Crows and Squirrels in particular Counties, and Red Foxes in Kent and Queen-Anne's Counties*: Which was Read the First Time, and Ordered to lie on the Table.

Col. *Tilghman* brings in, and delivers to Mr. Speaker, a Bill entitled, *An Act for raising Sterling for every Hogshead of Tobacco exported out of this Province, for the Support of an Agent at London, for the Service of this Province*: Which was Read the first Time, and Ordered to lie on the Table.

The Bill entitled, *An Act to compel Free Negroes and Mulattoes to procure Certificates of their Freedom*: Was Read the first Time, and Ordered to lie on the Table.

Thomas Johnson, Esq; 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, That *J. Hollyday, Esq;* and Mr. *Grabame*, 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 receive it. They return, and acquaint Mr. Speaker, that the Governor signified he would receive the Address immediately, in the Conference Chamber.

ORDERED, That *J. Hollyday, Esq;* with Five more, do present the Address: Mr. *Earle, Col. Tilghman, and Mr. Harris*, have Leave of Absence.

The House adjourns till II of the Clock.

POST-MERIDIEM. The House met.