

Sentiments between the Colonies, and to prevent the united Supplications of *America*, from reaching the Royal Ear. We hope, the Conduct of this House, will ever evince their Reverence and Respect for the Laws, and faithful Attachment to the Constitution; but we cannot be brought to resent an Exertion of the most undoubted constitutional Right of petitioning the Throne, or any Endeavours to procure, and preserve an Union of the Colonies, as an unjustifiable Attempt, to revive those Distractions, which, it is said, have operated so fatally to the Prejudice of both the Colonies and the Mother-Country. We have the warmest and most affectionate Attachment to our most gracious Sovereign, and shall ever pay the readiest, and most respectful Regard, to the just and constitutional Power of the *British* Parliament; but we shall not be intimidated, by a few sounding Expressions, from doing what we think is right.

The House of Representatives of the Colony of *Massachusetts-Bay*, in their Letter to us, have intimated, that they have preferred an humble, dutiful, and loyal Petition, to the King, and expressed their Confidence, that the united and dutiful Supplications, of his distressed *American* Subjects, will meet with his royal and favourable Acceptance, and we think they have asserted their Rights, with a decent Respect to their Sovereign, and a due Submission to the Authority of Parliament: What we shall do upon this Occasion, or whether, in consequence of that Letter, we shall do any Thing, it is not our present Business to communicate to your Excellency; but of this, be pleased to be assured, that we cannot be prevailed on, to take no Notice of, or to treat, with the least Degree of Contempt, a Letter so expressive of Duty and Loyalty to the Sovereign, and so replete with just Principles of Liberty; and your Excellency may depend, that whenever we apprehend the Rights of the People to be affected, we shall not fail boldly to assert, and steadily endeavour to maintain and support them, always remembering, what we could wish never to be forgot, that, by the Bill of Rights, it is declared, "That it is the Right of the Subject to petition the King, and all Commitments and Prosecutions, for such petitioning, are illegal."

Which is read, and approved of, and ordered to be ingrossed.

*The House adjourns 'til II o'Clock.*

POST MERIDIEM. The House met according to Adjournment.

*Benedict Calvert*, Esq; from the Upper House, delivers to Mr. Speaker, the following Message:

By the UPPER HOUSE of ASSEMBLY, JUNE 22, 1768.

GENTLEMEN,

**M**R. *Ross's* Executor, having, in consequence of some Information, he has received, since he exhibited to this House, the Account we sent you, with our Message of Yesterday, desires that his Claim might be waved, until he can have an Opportunity of making further Enquiry. We agree to its being left out of the Ordinance, not doubting, but if he can make it appear, at a future Session, that the Allowance made to Mr. *Ross*, was really inadequate to his Services, and less, in Proportion, than that now proposed to be made to Mr. *Duckett*, you will be ready to make such further Allowance, to Mr. *Ross's* Executors, as may be agreeable to Justice.

Signed by Order, U. SCOTT, Cl. Up. Ho."

Mr. *Johnson* brings in, and delivers to Mr. Speaker, the ingrossed Address to his Excellency: Which is read, and assented to, and signed, by Order of the House, by the Hon<sup>ble</sup> Speaker.

ORDERED, That Mr. *Worthington*, and Mr. *Johnson*, do wait on his Excellency, and acquaint him, that this House hath prepared an Address to be presented to him, and desires to know, when and where he will be pleased to receive it. They return, and acquaint Mr. Speaker, that the Governor will receive the Address in the Council Chamber, in Half an Hour.

The following ORDINANCE, for the immediate Reimbursement of his Excellency HORATIO SHARPE, Esq; Governor, his Account of Supplies to the Nanticoke Indians; and for Payment of Captain Richard Pearis, for his Services to this Province, during the late War; and for Payment of John Duckett, for finding a Book, and transcribing the Votes and Proceedings of the Lower House of Assembly, from the Year Seventeen Hundred and Four, until the Year Seventeen Hundred and Fifteen, inclusive:

**I**T IS ORDAINED by his Excellency, the Governor, and the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly, That the Committee of both Houses of Assembly, appointed to inspect the Office and Proceedings of the late Commissioners, for paying off the Public Claims, and emitting Bills of Credit, established by Act of Assembly, shall pay to his Excellency, the Governor, or his Order, One Hundred and Twenty-three Dollars, and Two Thirds of a Dollar: To Captain *Richard Pearis*, or his Order, Four Hundred Dollars; and to *John Duckett*, or his Order, One Hundred and Twenty-four Dollars, and Two Thirds of a Dollar, out of the Bills of Credit, now in the Office, belonging to the Province: Read, and assented to: "By the Lower House of Assembly, June 22, 1768.

ROBERT LLOYD, Speaker."

Sent to the Upper House, by Mr. *Grahame*, and Mr. *Dickinson*.