

Committee of both Houses, appointed to prepare the Draught of an

Address to Thomas Johnson, Esq. late Governor of this State; delivers to Mr. Speaker the following Report.

At a Committee of both Houses of Assembly appointed to prepare the Draught of an Address to Thomas Johnson, Esq. late Governor of this State, were present Matthew Dilghman, Charles Carroll, of Carrollton, and William Pava, Esquires, Senators, John Henry, John Hall, and Peregrine Selhurbury, Esquires Delegates. Who made Choice of Matthew Dilghman, Esq. President, and Mr. Henry Ridgely Clerk.

Your Committee, appointed for the Purpose aforesaid, have agreed upon the Form of an Address to be presented to the late Governor, and submit the same to the Consideration of the General Assembly. Signed by Order of Committee H. Ridgely Lt. Com.

To Thomas Johnson, Esq. late Governor of the State of Maryland
The Address of the General Assembly.

It is with Pleasure, Sir, that we observe the Prudence, Assiduity, Firmness and Integrity, with which you have discharged, in Duties the most critical, the Duties of your late important Station, have a just Claim to our warm Acknowledgments and sincerest Thanks.

While Dissipation and Avarice have too generally prevailed, your Conduct, Sir, has afforded a conspicuous Example of unwearied Attention and close Application to the public Welfare, and of Disinterestedness, in foregoing those Profits, your known Industry, Knowledge of Business and of your Profession, could not have failed of securing.

We approve and admire that Consistency of Conduct, and Uniformity of Character, which distinguish a Life, devoted, from a very early Period, to the true Interests of your Country, steadily and invariably pursued through a Variety of important Trusts; and relying on this your ruling Passion, the Love of your Country, we have the best-founded Hope, that you will not suffer to remain long inactive, in the Retirement of private Life; those Abilities which have often been so serviceable to the State, and of which it never than at the present Time stood in greater Need.

Which were read
Ordered: That Mr. J. Henry and Mr. Jordan be added to the Committee to report upon the Returns of the Commissioners of the Dep.

On the second reading of the Petition from a Number of the Inhabitants of Caroline County, the Question was put, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill to suspend that Part of the Act, entitled, An Act to revive and aid the Proceedings of Caroline County Court, and for other Purposes therein mentioned, which directs the County Courts of the said County of Caroline to be held at Choptank Bridge, until the Court House and Prison shall be built for the said County agreeable to the Act for that Purpose? Resolved in the Affirmative.

Brice W. Worthington, Esq. from the Senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker a Letter from Stephen Hopkins to Thomas Johnson, Esq. dated 28th October 1779, enclosing the Proceedings of the Commissioners of the several States of New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, and Providence Plantations, Connecticut and New York, at Hartford, on the 20th Day of October A.D. 1779; Which were Read.

A Bill entitled An Act for the Relief of Robert Long was read the first and second Time by special Order, passed, and sent to the Senate by Messrs. Boye and Marshall.

Petition of Thomas Harwood, Sheriff of Annapolis County, respecting Prisoners, was read and ordered to lie on the Table.

On Motion, Leave given to bring in a Bill for the Regulation of Officers Fees. Ordered, That

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