

To his EXCELLENCY

HORATIO SHARPE, *Esq;*

GOVERNOR and Commander in Chief in and over
the Province of MARYLAND:

*The humble ADDRESS of
the Upper House of Assembly.*

May it please your EXCELLENCY,

SENSIBLE of the great Loss that we and all our Fellow-Subjects have suffered by the Death of our late most Gracious and Excellent Sovereign, whose paternal Care and Protection the Inhabitants of these Colonies have in a peculiar Manner experienced, we most sincerely lament with your Excellency that melancholy Event.

Our Grief on this Occasion could only be alleviated by the Consideration of the eminent Virtues inherited from Him with the Crown by his illustrious Successor, which encourage His Subjects on the best Grounds to entertain the utmost Confidence, that, under his Auspices, they will, in the fullest Extent, enjoy the innumerable and invaluable Blessings which they have experienced during the long, mild, just, and glorious Reign of His Royal Grandfather: Happy in this Prospect, we join in the general Joy, which hath been diffused throughout the extensive Dominions of *Great-Britain*: And as we earnestly desire to testify our Duty and Attachment to His Majesty's Sacred Person and Government, both by our Words and Actions, we return your Excellency our Thanks for giving us this Opportunity of doing both, and for the Speech which you were pleased to make at the Opening of this Session.

We also beg Leave to assure your Excellency, that, having in Remembrance what great Efforts have been made by the Mother-Country to rescue these Colonies from the Dangers to which they were not long since exposed, we shall, for our Parts, embrace every Opportunity of making the best Return in our Power; Convinced that a vigorous Prosecution of the War, is the only effectual Measure to reduce the Enemy to the Necessity of accepting Peace on Terms of Glory to His Majesty's Crown, advantageous to *Great-Britain*. and particularly beneficial to His Majesty's Subjects in *America*. We should be extremely wanting to ourselves and our Posterity, as well as in Duty and Gratitude to our most Gracious Sovereign, were we not most readily to comply with His Requisition, signified by the Letters which your Excellency hath been pleased to lay before us.

We beg Leave therefore to assure you, that, zealous as we have been on every Occasion to promote the Service of Our Sovereign, we shall most cheerfully give our Concurrence to any equitable Bill for the Purposes recommended by your Excellency, which may be at this Time offered us, and shall rejoice if the Issue of this Session be such, as to induce His Majesty to entertain a favourable Opinion of this Province, and to believe that the Inhabitants of *Maryland* are not unworthy of the Happiness, which all His good and loyal Subjects have the greatest Reason to promise themselves under his auspicious Reign.

April 15, 1761.

B. T A S K E R, President.

His Excellency's ANSWER:

GENTLEMEN of the Upper House of ASSEMBLY,

YOUR kind Address having given me much Satisfaction, I return you my sincere Thanks for it, and beg you will believe that I have not the least Doubt but you will cheerfully embrace this and every Opportunity that may be afforded you of manifesting your Zeal and Duty to our most Gracious Sovereign, and of recommending this Province to His Majesty's Favour.

16th of April, 1761.

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