

Bills of Credit it does not appear expedient to propose a Lib. J. R.
& U. S.
Copper Coinage at this time.

At a Council held at the Governor's on Thursday the 2^d day of April in the Sixteenth year of his Lordship's Dominion Anno Domini 1767.

Present

His Excellency Horatio Sharpe Esq^r Governor.

The honble Benjamin Tasker, John Ridout Cha^s Goldsborough and Walter Dulany Esq^r

His Excellency is pleased to lay before this Board the following Address from Sundry Inhabitants of Baltimore Town.

To his Excellency Horatio Sharpe Esq^r Governor and Commander in Chief in and over the Province of Maryland.

May it please your Excellency

We the Inhabitants of Baltimore Town, ever desirous of shewing our Loyalty to the best of Kings; beg leave to Address your Excellency on an Affair which we deem Important and if not attended to in time may interrupt the future Welfare of many of his Majestys faithful Subjects.

About Eight Months past a Number of French Neutrals from this Place and other parts Embarked as we always understood on a Voyage to Pensacola, but have since learnt they have Landed at New Orleans and are become Subjects of the French King; another Body of these People near 300 in Number are now preparing to embark from hence in Order to go to the same Place.

When we consider how well these People are acquainted with the Navigation of our Bay That of Delaware and of Fundy that many have Piloted Vessels into the Harbour of Boston and New York, We have but too much Reason to apprehend that in Case of a future Rupture with France or Spain they must do inconceivable prejudice to the Commerce of this Continent. p. 451

When we reflect on the inveterate Hatred they retain against this Nation on Account of their having been Supplanted from their Lands in Acadia, we think it highly impolitic (not to say imprudent) to suffer them to settle among our Avow'd Enemies on the back of a new Colony where they may possibly Foment a Misunderstanding between us and the Indians to the great Detriment of his Majesty's faithful Subjects. With the Strictest Truth we can assure your Excellency that no Public Animosity or Private Pique to these