

To His Excellency Horatio Sharpe, Esq; Governor and Commander in Chief, in and over the Province of Maryland. [April 24, 1762]

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The Humble Address of the Upper House of Assembly.

May it please your Excellency, That you may be able to judge of the present Disposition of the Majority of those who have been chosen, by the people of this Province, to represent them in Assembly, or rather, of the few Gentlemen, by whose Opinion that Majority seems to be directed, and that you may know how little Probability there is, of the Business being done, for which the Assembly was, at this Time convened, we take the Liberty to present to your Excellency, a Copy of a Message, which was brought us the 16th of this Month, from the Lower House [*The message which begins thus is also printed in full in the Upper House journal, pp. 41-46.*]

An Act for granting a Supply of Forty Five Thousand Pounds for his Majesty's Service, and for defraying the Expenses heretofore incurred for the Defence and Security of the Frontier Inhabitants of this Province, and for other Purposes therein mentioned; and for raising the same by an equal Assessment upon all Estates, real and personal, and lucrative Offices and Employments.

We, his Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Representatives of the Freeman of the Province of Maryland, in Assembly convened, taking into our serious Consideration the Expenses necessary for his Majesty's Service, and which have been incurred for the Defence and Security of the Frontier Inhabitants of this Province, have, for those Ends and Purposes, and other good Ends and Purposes mentioned in this Act, cheerfully and unanimously Given and Granted, and by this Act to Give and Grant for the Ends and Purposes aforesaid, the several and respective Rates and Assessments hereafter mentioned: And do humbly Pray that it may be Enacted. p. 11

II. And be it Enacted by the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary, by and with the Advice and Consent of his Lordship's Governor, and the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly, and the Authority of the same, That Bills of Credit to the Value of Forty Five Thousand Pounds Current Money of America, according to an Act of Parliament made in the Sixth Year of the Reign of the late Queen Anne, for ascertaining the Rates of foreign Coins in the Plantations, shall be Printed, Stamped and Struck off, with all convenient Speed, on good Single Paper, under the Care and Directions of the Commissioners or Trustees for emitting the Bills of Credit established by Act of Assembly, for the Time being, in Manner and Form following: "This Indented Bill of shall pass Current for the Sum p. 12 herein mentioned, in all Payments, according to the Directions of an Act of Assembly of Maryland. Dated in Annapolis the Day of Anno Domini ": And shall be of