

M.^r Earle Col.^o Tilghman and M.^r Harris have Leave of Absence
The House adjourns 'till two of the Clock

L. H. J.
Liber No. 50
Dec. 11

P. M.

The House met

The Governor communicates to M.^r Speaker the foll^g Message viz

Gentlemen of the Lower House of Assembly

I think myself obliged to you for the Regard you have paid to the Message I thought it my Duty to communicate to you last Night. That you may see on what that Part of my Message which related to Col.^o Cresap and the People who are said to have assembled in Arms in Frederick Town was founded I shall agreeable to your Desire here wth send you a Copy of a Depōn that was made yesterday by Capt.ⁿ Evan Shelby As also of D.^r Ross's relative to a paper addressed to your House that was it seems lately handed about in Frederick County to be signed Whether such Paper has ever been presented to your House you best know if it has the Author or Original Mover of it might be easily trac'd and you may I have Reason to believe by Examīng Joseph Flint Ralph Mason Jacob Young James Miller and others Inhabitants of Frederick County discover how far Cal.^o Cresap has been Instrumental in promoting Measures that have a Tendency to the Public Peace and to deprive the several Branches of the Legislature of that Freedom of debating and judging which is essential to the Constitution. What I intimated with Regard to the People that live near Elk Ridge was communicated to me by M.^r Lux and M.^r Jn.^o Burgess of that Place a Copy of whose Information I likewise send you inclosed

Dec.^r 11.th 1765

Hor.^o Sharpe

And the following Depōns Viz^t

Capt.ⁿ Evan Shelby being examined concerning some Reports which have been spread concerning a N.^o of Armed Men being collected to come down to Annapolis saith That when he came from Frederick Town on Fryday last there were between 3 & 400 Men there many of them Armed with Guns & Tomahawks that he did understand they were about to chuse Officers and to march down in Companies to Annapolis in Order to settle the Disputes betwixt the two Houses of Assembly in Relation to passing the Journal and that he was informed by Joseph Flint and Ralph Matson that they heard Col.^o Cresap say that nothing would be done unless the People did come down; that the People did say they would come down in a Civil Manner to see if the Business was done and if it was not they would not return until it was done that he was desired by a N.^o of them