

U. H. J. tions to me (which I received the 29th of last Month) for raising Troops in this Province for that Expedition, I have in Obedience to his Majestys Commands called you together as soon as possibly I could, that I may acquaint you, His Majesty trusts and expects His Assembly of Maryland will provide Victuals Transports, and all Other Necessaries, for the Troops to be raised in this Province, except Cloaths Tents Arms, Ammunition and Pay, 'till their Arrival at their General Rendezvous in the West Indies, from which Time the said Transports are to enter into his Majestys Pay

p. 2 I am perswaded by the Chearfulness shewn by every Branch of the Legislature at Our last Session for his Majestys Service, that I need not attempt to add to the Weight, which his Majestys Trust and Expectations must have with you on this Occasion, Only This, that I cannot but think some further Encouragement, by Exemption from Arrests under a Particular Sum, will promote the Levies more effectually than any other Method.

A Proper Fund for the Defence of Our selves and the Province, must always be of so great Importance (especially at this time) that my Duty to his Majesty and Care of his Subjects under this Government, will never suffer me to omit any Opportunity of earnestly exhorting you, to make a suitable Provision for that Purpose, nor can you at the same time be unmindful of what I recommended at the last Session to you, Gentlemen of the Lower House, in Relation to a Magazine and an Amendment of Our present Militia Law

These Gentlemen are Points, which I judge absolutely necessary to lay before you, and press particularly at this Juncture, and they are of such Consequence that I hope you will give a Preference and Dispatch to them in the first Place, before any other Business you may think fit to proceed on; for I am well assured, you will by such a Conduct, rather than any other, approve Yourselves dutiful Subjects to his most Gracious Majesty, as well as true Friends and Guardians of the Safety, and Well being of this Province.

And for your further Satisfaction in what his Majesty expects from you, I shall lay before you the Royal Instructions sent to me on this Occasion.

Adjourned till to Morrow Morning nine of the Clock

July 8

Tuesday Morning 8th July 1740

This House met again according to Adjournment

Present as yesterday

The Honourable Major General Ward attended by the Members of this House presents to his Excellency the Address of this House which Address is as follows

To His Excellency Samuel Ogle Esq^r Governor and Commander in Chief in and over the Province of Maryland