

means for Answering his Majesty's commands relating to the Expedition against Canada. The following ingrossed Address to the Governor being read, and Assented to, was ordered on behalf of the House to be signed by the Honourable Speaker Viz. To his Excellency Thomas Bladen Esq<sup>r</sup> Governor of Maryland

L. H. J.  
Liber No. 46

The humble Address of the House of Delegates  
May it Please your Excellency

We his Majesty's most loyal and dutiful Subjects the Delegates of the Freemen of Maryland in Assembly convened, assure your Excellency, that we shall make use of this and every other meeting, with the greatest Chearfulness, and as much as in us lies, for His Majesty's Honour and Service and the Welfare of our Constituents: and that upon the Present Occasion (so far as is required of us, by our Gracious Sovereign) we will more Particularly exert our best Endeavours to do every reasonable Thing in our Power consistent with the Condition of the People we represent to promote the raising of Forces, and providing for them in the entended Expedition against Canada. p. 580

This House having upon Every Occasion given the strongest Testimony of Duty and Loyalty, we hope it will not be doubted but that a success to this Enterprize is as evidently wished for by us as Any of his Majesty's Subjects, as our loyal Breasts are filled with an equal hearty and warm Zeal for the Honour and Glory of the Crown of Great Britain and every advantage that may arise to our Mother Country, as well as for our own immediate safety.

The Letters from the Governors of New York and New England, which your Excellency has been Pleased to lay before us, shall have a due Consideration; and we hope that our Result thereon, as well as in all other Matters relating to the Trust reposed in us, will to every judicious, impartial, and Honest man, manifest our Zeal Loyalty and Prudence

As we are very sensible that His Majesty's Service on the Present Occasion requires the utmost Dispatch, we are therefore determined to give it such as it's nature will admit of, in Order to which, your Excellency's laying before this House the Letter from his Grace the Duke of Newcastle, or other His Majesty's Commands which relate to the Part we are to Act, will greatly contribute. Col King and M<sup>r</sup> Barnes are sent to Acquaint his Excellency that this House hath prepared an Address to him and desires to know when and where he will be pleased to receive it: They return and acquaint M<sup>r</sup> Speaker his Excellency will be ready to receive it immediately in the Conference Chamber.

Col. King with Thirteen others, sent to present the Address; They return and Acquaint M<sup>r</sup> Speaker they have presented it