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Saturday, 7<sup>th</sup> May, 1757.

The House met according to Adjournment: The members were called and all appeared as Yesterday, except Mr. Mackall and Mr. Earle.

Col. Tilghman brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker, the following Address, viz.<sup>t</sup>

To his Excellency Horatio Sharpe, Esq;<sup>r</sup> Governor and Commander in Chief in and over the Province of Maryland:

The humble Address of the House of Delegates.

May it please your Excellency,

p. 441 We agree with you in the Expediency of securing the Indians to the British Interest; and therefore, in order that your Excellency may send an agreeable Answer to the Letter or Message, which has been sent to you from some of them, who, by that Letter, appear to be now on our Frontier, accompanied with a Present, we have agreed to an Ordinance, for empowering the Treasurer of the Eastern Shore, to pay your Excellency One Hundred Pounds Currency, to be laid out in Goods proper to be given to those Indians. Whoever has supplied, or shall supply, those Indians with Provisions, while on our Frontier, shall be paid their reasonable Accounts.

We humbly crave Leave on this Occasion to observe, that the Catawba Indians having carried some Scalps to the Government of Virginia, where we understand the Reward for them is but Ten Pounds, and not having applied here, there seems Room to apprehend that these People are not informed of the Reward of Fifty Pounds per Scalp offered by this Government, and it is highly probable, from their Remoteness, that the Cherokees are as ignorant of it as they: We must therefore take the Freedom to request, that your Excellency will be pleased to Order, that both those Nations of Indians may be well informed of the aforesaid Reward offered by this Government, and that it may be also published in the Gazettes of all the neighbouring Colonies and Provinces.

We cannot, without some Uneasiness, remark, that your Excellency should keep the above Letter or Message in your Hands several Days, without communicating it to this House, which has prevented our throwing that Matter into a Bill, for his Majesty's Service, and our Security, during that Time under our Consideration, where it would properly have been placed, and would have saved our Time and Trouble in this Method, especially considering, that upon other Occasions, you have been pleased to lay Matters before us, recommending them as proper to be made Parts of Bills under our Consideration.

On Reading thereof, the Question was put, Whether the said Address shall be Altered, or Not? Resolved in the Affirmative.