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The humble Address of the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly [to the Lord Proprietary]

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Which said Petition, Representation and Addresses, were severally Signed, by Order of the House, by the Honourable Speaker. p. 198

His Excellency the Governor communicated to Mr. Speaker, the following Message, viz.

Gentlemen of the Lower House of Assembly,

As there are, in your Address of the second Instant, some Insinuations that seem calculated to injure my Character, I think it proper, before I enter upon any other Parts of that extraordinary Address, to submit to the disinterested and impartial Reader, whom you are pleased to appeal to, a plain Narrative of those Transactions or Proceedings of mine, which you conceive I should be desirous of Concealing, and would have judged improper for the Knowledge of the Public.

By an Act of Assembly that was made here in July 1754, upon the News of the Virginia Forces having been Defeated at the Little-Meadows, the Treasurers and Commissioners of the Loan-Office were directed to pay to Myself, or the Governor of the Province for the Time being, the Sum of £6000 to be applied towards the Defence of the Colony of Virginia, and his Majesty's Dominions, and the Relief and Support of the Wives and Children of the Indian Allies, that should put themselves under the Protection of this Government, at such Times, and in such Sums, as I or the Governor of the Province for the Time being, should judge necessary. As soon as this Act was passed, I advised Governor Dinwiddie thereof, and desired him to tell me, how he thought the said Money might be most usefully expended for his Majesty's Service; and upon his giving it as his Opinion, that a Company of one Hundred Soldiers ought to be raised in Maryland, to act in Conjunction with the Troops that were then on the Frontiers of Virginia, under the Command of Colonel Innes, I forthwith issued Commissions for raising such a Company.

As it was then expected that these Men would be immediately employed beyond the Allegany Mountains, where Provisions were not at all Times to be easily got, as the Virginians had to their Cost experienced, I impowered and directed Colonel Cresap, who lived in the Westernmost Part of the Province, to purchase and lay in as much Flour and Salt Provisions as could be consumed by One Hundred Men in Twelve Months; and to enable the Colonel to purchase every Thing at the cheapest Rate, I did, on the 30th of August,