

Instructions to the several Governors in America, and the Letters from the Earl of Loudoun to his Excellency the Governor of this Province, were Read.

L. H. J.
Liber No. 49
Feb. 14

On Motion, Ordered, That the further Consideration of the Governor's Speech, and the Earl of Loudoun's Letter, be Referred to the Morrow Morning.

The House adjourns till the Morrow Morning at 9 of the Clock.

Wednesday, February 15, 1758.

Feb. 15

The House met according to Adjournment: The Members were called, and all appeared as Yesterday. The Proceedings were Read.

Mr. Harris appeared in the House.

The Order of the Day being Read; the House took again into Consideration the Governor's Speech, together with the Earl of Loudoun's Letter; and Resolved, That an Address be prepared to his Excellency the Governor, requesting him to explain to this House his Opinion of the following Expression, viz. (Propose such an Act as is not only agreeable to the Instructions, but agreeable to our happy Constitution of Government in the British Dominions); which is mentioned in his Lordship's said Letter;

Ordered, That Mr. Edward Dorsey, Col. Tilghman, and Mr. Carroll, do prepare and bring in such Address. p. 242

Col. Tilghman brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker, an Address to the Governor; which was Read, Approved, and Ordered to be Ingressed.

Col. Tilghman brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker, the following Ingressed Address, viz.

To his Excellency Horatio Sharpe, Esq; 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,

Having now under our Consideration the Earl of Loudoun's Letter, laid before us by your Excellency, as we cannot recollect any Instructions relative to the Framing of Bills, that have ever been laid before the Lower House of Assembly, we are somewhat at a Loss to know his Lordship's Meaning by the following Expression " Propose such an Act as is not only agreeable to the Instructions, but agreeable to our happy Constitution of Government in the British Dominions " and as we presume Something may have passed between his Lordship and your Excellency, that may enable you to explain that Expression, we humbly request your Excellency will be pleased to give us all the Information you are able relative thereto.