

On Motion, That an Address be prepared to his Excellency, in Answer to his Message of the 12th of April last:

L. H. J.  
Liber No. 48  
May 6

Ordered, That Col. Tilghman, Mr. Hammond, and Mr. Murdock, do prepare and bring in an Address accordingly.

Benedict Calvert, Esq;† from the Upper House, delivers to Mr. Speaker, the following Message, viz.†

By the Upper House of Assembly, 6<sup>th</sup> May, 1757.

Gentlemen,

In Answer to your Message of Yesterday, by Messieurs Reynolds and Sprigg, this House agrees to an Ordinance, empowering the Treasurer of the Eastern Shore to pay One Hundred Pounds Current Money to the Governor, to be delivered as a Present to the Indians now at Fort Frederick.

Signed p Order. J. Ross, Cl. Up Ho.

Col. Tilghman brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker, the following Ingrossed 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,

In Answer to your Message of the 12th April, 1757, tho' it may be thought by the Earl of Loudoun for his Majesty's Service, that Fort Cumberland shou'd be Garrisoned, yet were his Lordship made clearly sensible of the Situation of that Fort with respect to our Frontier Inhabitants, we are fully persuaded he would not think it reasonable the People of this Province shou'd be burthened with the Expence of supporting a Garrison there; and we are Resolved not to pay for subsisting or maintaining any Forces that may be posted at that Fort. We are sorry we cannot express an Approbation of your Excellency's Instruction to Capt. Dagworthy, to march with a Detachment from the Maryland Forces to Garrison Fort Cumberland; and more especially when we reflect, that immediately after the Removal of Capt. Dagworthy from Fort Frederick (as we are informed) a Party of Indians came down among the Inhabitants, and committed several Murders, which probably would not have happened had Capt. Dagworthy's Men been Ranging about the Frontier, as by the Act, which which they were supported, they ought to have been.

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Which being Read, the Question was put, Whether the said Address be Altered, or Not: Resolved in the Affirmative.