

L. H. J. Address to the Governor: Which was read, approved, and ordered
Liber No. 52 to be ingrossed.
Dec. 6

The House adjourns till 2 of the Clock.

Post Meridiem.

The House met

J. Hall, Esq brings in, and delivers to M.^r Speaker, the following ingrossed Address, Viz.^t

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, accompanying a Letter from M.^r Secretary Conway, one of his Majesty's Principal Secretarys of State, together with Copies of two Acts of Parliament, and Resolves of the British House of Commons, respecting the Colonies: We return your Excellency our hearty Thanks, for the early and kind Assurance given to his Majesty's Ministers of the affectionate Regard and Respect the People of this Province entertain for the Mother Country and the Parliament

p. 482 It is with Pleasure we can observe, that, altho' the Courts of Justice were in a Manner shut up, and all Business at a Stand for many Months, no Injury was done to the Person or Property of any one in this Province, except a trifling Loss that happened by the pulling down an old House, rented to the Stamp Distributor, in the Month of September 1765, and preceding any Meeting of our Assembly, after the Stamp Act was made; therefore no Tumults or Insurrections could be countenanced and inflamed by any Votes and Resolutions of our Assembly; and for that small Damage, respecting the House, Application hath been made to us this Session, and we, from Motives of Compassion, have made ample Satisfaction, as well in this Instance, as in others, where Damage was sustained by Individuals, whilst his Majesty's fforces were among us.

There being none among us, to our Knowledge, who, from the Madness of the People, have suffered for their Deference to Acts of the British Legislature, we do not think that Part of the Secretary of State's Letter, applicable to any Thing that hath happened to this Province, the People in general having always remained quiet and peaceable.

Which was read, and assented to, and signed by Order of the House, by the Honourable Speaker.

Ordered, That D. Wolstenholme, Esq and Col. Henry, do acquaint the Governor, that this House hath prepared an Address to be presented to him, and desires to know when and where he will please to receive it. They return, and acquaint M.^r Speaker, the Governor