

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

Gentlemen of the Lower House of Assembly,

I SEND you a Letter from Governor *Shirley*, whereby you will find, we are sollicit to lay an Embargo on all Vessels laden with Provisions, for three Months; the several other Northern Governments, have, I am informed, complied with Governor *Shirley's* Proposal of the same Sort to them, and I doubt not, the Reasons offered in the Letter that you herewith receive, for their taking such a Step, will incline you to come into the same Resolution.

H O R ° . S H A R P E .

On Motion, that an Address be prepared to his Excellency, in Answer to his Message of Yesterday: *Ordered*, That the Committee of Laws do prepare and bring in the same.

On Motion, the Question was put, that Leave be given to bring in a Bill, *To lay an Embargo on Ships and Vessels, to prevent the Exportation of Provisions, Ammunition, or Warlike Stores of any Kind; Resolved* in the Affirmative: *Ordered*, that the Committee of Laws do prepare and bring in a Bill accordingly.

On Motion, that an Address be prepared to his Excellency, in Answer to his Message of this Day: *Ordered*, that the Committee of Laws do prepare and bring in the same.

Major *Hall*, from the Committee of Laws, brings in an Address to his Excellency, which was read, approved, and ordered to be ingrossed.

The House adjourns till 2 of the Clock.

Post-Meridiem. The House met according to Adjournment, &c.

Major *Hall*, from the Committee of Laws, 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,

THE Reasons in Governor *Shirley's* Letter, communicated to this House by your Excellency, in your Message of this Day, mentioned to have induced the Northern Governments to lay an Embargo upon all Vessels laden with Provisions, Ammunition, or Warlike Sores of any Kind, for one Month, has inclined us to come into the same Resolution; and though an Act, which we have already passed this Session, is so severely restrictive, that we have good Reason to hope it will have the desired Effect, yet to manifest our Zeal for the common Cause, and our Desire, by every Measure in our Power, to distress our Enemies, we take Leave to inform your Excellency, that a Bill for laying an Embargo is now forming, and will forthwith be sent to the Upper House.

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

Ordered, That *Philip Hammond*, Esq; and Capt. *Jordan*, do acquaint his Excellency, that this House hath prepared an Address to be presented to him,