

The Bill entituled, *An Act for the Assessment and Payment of the Public Charge of this Province*, was read the second Time by especial Order, and will pass; and was sent to the Upper House by Mr. Lloyd and Mr. Dulany.

*The House adjourns until the Morrow Morning at VIII of the Clock.*

FRIDAY MORNING, May 21, 1756.

THE House met according to Adjournment, &c.

On Motion, Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do issue his Warrant to the Deputy-Secretary of this Province, to make out a Writ of Election, directed to the Sheriff of *Anne-Arundel County*, to elect a Delegate to serve in the General Assembly of this Province, now sitting, in the Room of Major *Henry Hall*, deceased.

Mr. Lloyd, from the Committee of Laws, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker an ingrossed Bill entituled, *An Act for the speedy and effectual Publication of the Laws of this Province*, &c. which was read and assented to, and sent to the Upper House, with the Paper Bill, by Mr. Govane and Mr. Williamson.

The following Message, viz.

By the Lower House of Assembly, May 21, 1756.

*May it please your Honours,*

AS it appears to this House, that there is a Want of Books, Paper, Parchment, and Ink-Powder, for the necessary Use of the Public: Therefore, in order that such Necessaries may be provided in the easiest and best Manner, we propose, That the Treasurer of the Western Shore be ordered to send for them, to the Amount of Thirty Pounds Sterling, and that they be paid for by Mr. *William Hunt*, Merchant, in London, out of the Money, in his Hands, due to this Province; with which we desire your Honours Concurrence.

Signed per Order, M. Macnismara, Cl. Lo. Ho.

Was sent to the Upper House by Mr. Carroll and Capt. Jordan.

Mr. Lloyd, from the Committee of Laws, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker an Address to his Excellency; which was read, approved, and ordered to be ingrossed.

*The House adjourns until II of the Clock Afternoon.*

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

On Motion, Ordered, That the Bill entituled, *An Act for Regulating the Militia of this Province*, be entered in the Journal of the Votes and Proceedings of this House; and that the said Bill be Printed in Thirty Days from the End of this Session; and that Printed Copies be delivered to each Member of the Lower House of Assembly, in the same Manner that the Laws, Votes and Proceedings, are directed to be.

The following 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,*

ON considering your Message of the 11th of May, this House have Resolved that this Province will stand Security, for returning to the Officer his Majesty has been pleased to appoint to receive the same, any Number of Arms which may be delivered by the Comptroller of the Ordnance at *Boston*, to any Person your Excellency shall be pleased to appoint for that Purpose, except in Case of their being lost in Battle, or taken or destroyed by the Enemy; and that the Person appointed by your Excellency, be empowered to receive and indent for such Arms, in the Manner mentioned by Governor *Shirley's* Letter to your Excellency.

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

Ordered, That Mr. *Matthew Tilghman* and Col. *John Henry* do acquaint his Excellency, 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 Mr. Speaker, that the Governor was pleased to signify he would receive the Address in an Hour's Time in the Conference Chamber.

Ordered, That Mr. Govane and Mr. Gray do present the Address to his Excellency.

Col.