

Mr. *Osborn Sprigg*, or any Two or Three of them, applying for the same, who are by this House Authorized to transmit the same to the Agent employed by this House in *Great-Britain*.

Mr. *Wootton* and Mr. *John Goldsborough* sent to acquaint his Excellency therewith, and to desire to know when and where he will be pleased to receive it. They return and acquaint Mr. Speaker the Governor will be ready in an Hours Time to receive it in the Conference Chamber.

An Address to his Excellency the Governor was brought in, Read, Approved, and Ordered to be Ingrossed, *viz.*

To his Excellency THOMAS BLADEN, *Esq;* Governor of Maryland:

The humble ADDRESS of the Delegates of the said Province.

*May it please your Excellency,*

IN Answer to your Message to both Houses of Assembly of the 24th Instant, sent to us by the Upper House, and by many Letters and other Papers communicated to us by your Excellency, we perceive the uneasiness of the Six Nations of *Indians* proceeds from a Claim they pretend to have to some Lands in this Province, for which they peremptorily demand Satisfaction to be made them, and that the necessity of entering into any Treaty with them at this Time arises from the Claim and Demand aforesaid.

The People of *Maryland* have paid the Proprietary Family, and now continue to pay his present Lordship, very high Rates and Rents for the Lands they purchase and hold; wherefore we think his Lordship should be at the Charge arising on that Claim, and likewise of any Satisfaction to be made the said *Indians* thereon.

However, to demonstrate our good Inclinations for keeping up a Peace and Friendship with those Nations, and in compliance with your Desire, we have appointed Col. *Robert King*, and Dr. *Charles Carroll*, of this House, to join with any Gentlemen of the Upper House who shall be appointed to Negotiate that Affair.

We have likewise agreed that a Sum not exceeding Three Hundred Pounds Sterling, be applied out of the Money now in Bank arising by the *Three-pence per Hogshead for Arms and Ammunition*, towards the Purchase of such Goods as may best suit for a Present to the said *Indians*, and also such further Sum as may be necessary for defraying the Expence and Charge of the said Commissioners.

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