

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 *St. Mary's County*, to elect a Delegate to serve in the General Assembly of this Province, in the Room of *Edmund Key*, Esq; Deceased.

The House adjourns till II of the Clock.

POST-MERIDIEM. The House met according to Adjournment.

A Petition of several Poor Prisoners in *Anne-Arundel County Goal*, complaining of the High-Sheriff's Usage to them, was preferred to this House; Read the First Time, and Ordered to lie on the Table.

The House adjourns till the Morrow Morning at IX of the Clock.

S A T U R D A Y, May 10,

THE House met.

ORDERED, That *William Murdock*, Esq; *Col. Tilghman*, *Mr. E. Gantt*, *Mr. Jacob*, and *J. Hammond*, Esq; be a Committee of Grievances and Courts of Justice.

Mr. E. Gantt, and *J. Hammond*, Esq; have Leave of Absence.

J. Hall, Esq; brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker, an Address to his Excellency, which was Read, Approved, and Ordered to be Ingrossed.

J. Hall, Esq; 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,

WE, his Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Delegates of the Freemen of the Province of *Maryland*, in General Assembly convened, beg Leave to return you our Thanks for your Speech at the Opening of this Session.

No Reason occurs to us, why any Gentlemen cannot attend here on the Public Business, about the last of *September*, or first of *October*, which we think the Season least inconvenient of any; however we doubt not your Excellency's good Intention in calling us together at this Time, and shall cheerfully proceed to frame such Laws as the present Circumstances of the Country more immediately require, and we hope our Proceedings during the Course of the Session, will justify your Excellency's favourable Opinion, that we come together with Minds sincerely disposed to promote the Tranquility and Welfare of the Province.

Which was Read, and Assented to, and Signed by Order of the House, by the Honourable Speaker.

ORDERED, That *G. Plater*, and *S. Wilson*, Esqrs. 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 signified he would receive the Address immediately, in the Conference Chamber.

ORDERED, That *William Murdock*, Esq; and Five more, do present the Address to the Governor.

On Motion of *Col. Tilghman*, ORDERED, That a Committee be appointed to consider, and Report by what Law or Custom the Lord Proprietary of this Province receives the Fines and Forfeitures, and Amercements; as also the 12 *d.* per Hogshead on all Tobaccos exported out of this Province: Also to enquire into, and Report the annual Amount of such Fines, Forfeitures, Amercements, and 12 *d.* per Hogshead, distinguishing the same under proper Heads. And that *Col. Tilghman*, *J. Hammond*, *J. Hollyday*, *J. Hall*, *S. Chase*, *T. Ringgold*, Esqrs. *Mr. J. Hall*, of *Baltimore*, *William Murdock*, *D. Wolfenholme*, *S. Wilson*, Esqrs. *Mr. Worthington*, *Mr. Hanson*, and *Mr. H. Hall*, be a Committee for that Purpose; and that the said Committee have Power and Authority to send for Persons, Papers, and Records, necessary to perfect such Enquiry, and Report the same to the House.

The House adjourns till Monday Morning at IX of the Clock.

M O N D A Y, May 12,

THE House met according to Adjournment. All Members appeared as on Saturday, except Messrs. *Hammond* and *Gantt*.

Mr.