

L. H. J.
Liber No. 48
May 7

Gentlemen of the Lower House of Assembly,

I am sorry you did not think proper to let me know what Part of the Province you would have understood by the Word Frontier: I have the greatest Reason to apprehend, that if your House does not explain that Word, the Agents will not think themselves at Liberty to issue any Pay or Subsistence to the Men that are now, by the Earl of Loudoun's Order, posted at Fort Cumberland. Should that Place be abandoned at this Time, the great Quantity of his Majesty's Stores that are there, would fall into the Enemy's Hands, and the Consequences of such an Accident be, in all Probability, fatal to these Colonies. As it is an Affair of such Consequence to his Majesty's Service, and the British Interest in America, I must send a Copy of the Bill, which you have Framed, to the Earl of Loudoun, and know his Pleasure before I can evacuate that Fort, unless you will give me room to expect, that the Agents will not refuse to issue Pay and Subsistence for the Men abovementioned.

[May 7,th 1757.]

Hor^o. Sharpe.

Ordered, That Col. Tilghman and Capt. Jenifer do acquaint the Governor, That no Public Business lies now before this House to Transact.

The House adjourns until Monday Morning at 9 of the Clock.

May 9

Monday, 9th May, 1757.

The House met according to Adjournment: The members were called and all appeared as on Saturday. The proceedings were read.

Col. Tasker, from the Upper House, delivers to Mr. Speaker, all the original Paper Bills, which had Passed both Houses this Session, and were severally thus Indorsed, "By the Upper House of Assembly, 9th May, 1757. The Ingrossed Bill, whereof this is the Original, is Read and Assented to.

Signed p Order. J. Ross, Cl Up Ho.

Col. Tasker, and Benedict Calvert, Esq:^{rs} from the Upper House, acquaint Mr. Speaker, that the Governor requires the Attendance of the Lower House immediately in the Council Chamber.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and, with the Members of the Lower House, attended his Excellency in the Council Chamber, where Mr. Speaker Presented to him,

p. 450 An Ingrossed Bill, entituled, An Act for his Majesty's Service, and the more immediate Defence and Protection of the Frontier Inhabitants of this Province.

An Ingrossed Bill, entituled, An Act continuing an Act, entituled, An Act for the Advancement of Justice.