

Part of the Number might act, and if any Thing was acted amiss, the Public sent on the vain Enquiry of, who did it? That the Service in recording Bonds and Orders, and in the safe Custody of them, might well have been paid for by the Commissioners out of their Salary.

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That the Recital of the Agreement between the Two Houses, is done with Truth and Candour, and leaves no Room for an Inference, that either House has held a Conduct different from the fact, and that tho' the Upper House have not always dissented to the List of Debts, that yet they have in the Language of the Bill, as well this Session, as many others heretofore, done so, and it might have been added, always; but twice, one of which Times was the last Session, and the other towards the Close of the preceding Session, at a Time this House had formed a Resolution of discharging all public Claims by an Emission of Bills on the Credit of the publick Money, and after their Honours had dissented to that List the same Session, which shows their Want of Care to prevent an Inference, that their then Assent to the List of Debts, was calculated to destroy the fund, or shift the Odium of the Non-Payment thereof on this House. That the Upper House might well presume. that as the Attendance of those to whom the Keys of the Repository and Iron Chests are to be delivered, is not required, it was not intended, and, it is necessary clearly to express every Thing not intended by the Bill, the same might be spun out to such Length, that the Money to be emitted would be insufficient to pay for recording it.

That the Notion of a Propriety in their being two Commissioners to receive the Bills of Credit, and draw Bills of Exchange, as well as the Increase of Salary, to induce Gentlemen, properly qualified, to accept of the Appointment, may well enough correspond with the Ideas of numerous Dependents, but can answer no valuable Purpose, with Respect to the Public. p. 478

Which the House ordered to be entered on the Journal, as such. And the following Message, Viz.

By the Lower House of Assembly, December 4, 1766.

May it please your Honours,

This House, claim as their inherent, undoubted, and fundamental Right, the sole and exclusive Formation of all Money Bills, and therein to limit the Matter, Manner, Measure and Time, of all Grants and Dispositions of Public Money, whatsoever; a Right so essential to the Liberties and Properties of those we represent, that we are determined never to give it up, or wave or weaken it in any Manner.

We therefore return to your Honours, the Bill for the Payment of the Public Claims, for emitting Bills of Credit, and for other