

‘ should be aiding and assisting each other in Case of any Invasion, I have it particularly in Charge from his Majesty to acquaint you, that it is his Royal Will and Pleasure, that you should keep up an exact Correspondence with all his Majesty’s Governors on the Continent; and in Case you shall be informed by any of them of any hostile Attempts, you are immediately to assemble the General Assembly within your Government, and lay before them the Necessity of a mutual Assistance; and engage them to grant such Supplies as the Exigency of Affairs may require. I have wrote by this Conveyance to all his Majesty’s Governors to the same Purpose.

I am, Sir, your most obedient humble Servant,
H O L D E R N E S S E.

In Pursuance of the *Resolve* of the House, the Bill intituled, *An Act for his Majesty’s Service*, is entered, *viz.*

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‘ **W** H E R E A S the Right Honourable the Lords of Trade and Plantations, by a Letter dated *Whitehall, September 18, 1753*, directed to the late Governor of this Province, intimating that his Majesty had been pleased to order a Sum of Money to be issued for Presents to the *Six Nations of Indians*, and to direct his Governor of *New-York* to hold an Interview with them, for delivering those Presents, for burying the Hatchet; and renewing the Covenant Chain with them, and recommending to the Governor of this Province, as well as the other Governors of these Colonies, to join in such Interview, and make suitable Presents for renewing the Covenant Chain with the said *Six Nations*, in Order to keep them in the Interest of *Great-Britain*; this General Assembly taking the same into their most serious Consideration, and being willing to do what may best answer so good an End, and to contribute to the Interest of their Mother Country, have thought proper, that the Sum of Five Hundred Pounds Current Money, in Bills of Credit, be taken out of the Loan Office of this Province, and paid by the Commissioners of the said Office, for the Time being, to the Persons herein after named: It is therefore humbly prayed that it may be enacted,
‘ *AND be it Enacted, by the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary, by and with the Advice and Consent of his Lordship’s Governor, and the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly, and the Authority of the same, That the Commissioners of the Loan Office of this Province, for the Time being, shall, and they are hereby obliged and directed to pay out of the Money, or Bills of Credit, in their Hands in the said Office, the Sum of Five Hundred Pounds Current Money, in Bills of Credit, to the Honourable George Plater and Benjamin Tasker, junr. Esquires, of the Upper House, and to Daniel Dulany and Matthew Tilghman, Esquires, or any two of them; Three Hundred Pounds, Part of the aforesaid Five Hundred Pounds, to be applied by them, or any Two of them, towards purchasing suitable Presents to be made to the said Six Nations of Indians, and the remaining Sum of Two Hundred Pounds, Part of the aforesaid Sum of Five Hundred Pounds, to be applied by the said George Plater, and Benjamin Tasker, junr. Daniel Dulany, and Matthew Tilghman, Esquires, or any two of them, towards defraying their Expences, as Commissioners aforesaid, and other contingent Charges that may necessarily accrue by Occasion of their Attendance and Service on the Negotiation aforesaid.*

‘ *AND* whereas, divers Persons, called Hawkers, Pedlars and Petty Chapmen, coming into this Province from other Parts, and going from Town to Town, or to the Dwelling-Houses of the good People of this Province, traveling either on Foot or with Horse, Horses or other Carriages, sell or dispose of Goods, Wares or Merchandizes, do frequently purchase very useful and necessary Commodities at low Rates, and carry the same to the neighbouring Provinces, as also considerable Sums of Money, to the great Damage of the Inhabitants of this Province. And whereas it is but reasonable that Persons residing out of this Province, and taking Advantage and Profit by Trade therein, should, in some Measure, contribute to the Charges thereof, and be subject to a good Conduct and Behaviour within the same Province. In Order therefore, and also for the Replacement of the Money aforesaid, paid out of the Loan Office, it is further prayed that it may be enacted,

‘ *AND be it Enacted, by the Authority, Advice and Consent aforesaid, That from and after the first Day of May next, it shall not be lawful for any Hawker, Pedlar, or Petty Chapman, coming into this Province from any other Colony or Province, to trade, vend, or sell, barter, or exchange, any Goods whatsoever within this Province, or for any Hawker, Pedlar, or Petty-Chapman whatsoever, to trade, vend or sell, barter or exchange, any Goods, Wares or Merchandizes, that he or they shall buy or purchase out of this Province, except Goods, Wares or Merchandizes, immediately imported from Great-Britain into this Province, without first having obtained a License to trade within the same as a Hawker, Pedlar, or Petty-Chapman,*