

On reading the Message sent down from the Upper House, with the Journal of Accounts. Yesterday, the Question was put, Whether any Alteration shall be made in the Journal of Accounts, from what is already made therein of the Allowance of Rent for the House in which the Governor resides, or Not? *Agreed in the Negative.*

For the NEGATIVE,

Messrs	{	T. Reeder,	Reynolds,	M. Tilghman,	Addison,	B. Handy,
		Hammond,	Smallwood,	Edge,	Murdock,	Chapline,
		Hall,	Stoddert,	Paca,	Frazer,	Beall
		Gassaway,	Jordan,	Govane,	Hawkins,	
		Carroll,	Jenifer,	Ward,	E. Tilghman,	

For the AFFIRMATIVE,

Messrs	{	Hynson,	R. Henry,	Travers,	Lloyd,	Bracco
		Williamson,	Edmondson,	Dulany,	Caslon,	

The House adjourns till II of the Clock Afternoon.

Post-Meridiam. The House met according to Adjournment, &c.

The following Message, *viz.*

By the Lower House of Assembly, April 30, 1755.

May it please your Honours,

AS we had, in the Bill last sent up to you, for granting Forty Thousand Pounds for his Majesty's Service, and our own Security, and which you have returned with a Negative, made Alterations in almost every Part of our two former Bills to which you objected, we were in Hopes to have had your Honours Concurrence to that Bill. But since you tell us in your Message of the 29th, accompanying it, *That our third Bill is so little differing from the other Two, that you think yourselves obliged not to pass it,* we think it necessary now to enumerate all the Amendments we have made, in Consequence of your Objections to our first Bill, and to which you referred when you sent down the others, that it may appear what Alterations we agreed to, and what Concessions we made, even contrary to our just Rights, to obtain a Law for his Majesty's Service, and our own Safety, at this Time of common Danger so absolutely necessary: We are informed, that the most commodious Part of the Frontier, for constructing a Fort and Block-Houses for the Defence thereof, is on or near the *North-Mountain*, and not beyond it, as mentioned in our second, and also third Bill. We did in our third, as in our second Bill, rate the Pay of Commissary of Stores. A Pay-Master of the Troops, which may be raised for the intended Expedition, we conceive, may be appointed by the Commander in Chief, and his Salary paid out of the general Stock, which may be contributed by the several Governments towards that Expedition.

We did in our third, as in our second Bill, lengthen the Time for keeping up the Troops, from the 25th of *December* till the 10th of *February* next; before which Time undoubtedly an Assembly will be called, who will Judge of the Expediency of keeping them up longer; and hope your Honours will not further press a Measure, so unconstitutional, as your Proposal of keeping them up at the Will and Pleasure of the Governor or Commander in Chief of those Forces; if you should, we never will consent to it.

We regulated in our third Bill the Pay of the Officers, nearly to what they have in the neighbouring Colonies; and this we did also in the second. The Governor or Commander in Chief of any Expedition, that may be undertaken, we apprehend, will have Power to form his Companies as he pleases. Those of the Fort and Block-Houses, we cannot consent to alter, as the multiplying Commanding Officers will too much increase the Expence.

A Fort-Adjutant and Gunner at the Fort we do not conceive necessary; and the Arms, when out of Repair, may be exchanged and repaired at much less Expence than would accrue from keeping a Gun-Smith in constant Pay, at 2/6 per Day, as you propose.

The Pay of the Surgeon, at the Fort, we have rated at 6 s. per Day, and Medicines to be provided for him: The Pay of a Surgeon, who shall serve on the Expedition, 12/6 per Day, for himself and Mate, and Medicines found. We did in our second Bill, and that last sent up, make sufficient Provision against Mutiny and Desertion, and the Entertainment of Deserters. To the Election of the Collectors of the Duty on Wine and Spirituous Liquors, by the several Vestrymen and Church-Wardens, we had good Reason to hope for your Concurrence, as being a Method readily agreed to in our Inspection-Law; however, as you had

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