

Emitted and Borrowed under the Forty Thousand Pound Act is already paid in, and a considerable Surplus is now in the Office, besides other large Sums which some of the Officers have not paid in, and to force the Payment of which we have already addressed your Excellency, to order the necessary and effectual Measures to be taken, and from your Excellency's Answer thereto, this Day received, observe the Precaution you have already taken in that Respect, and your Excellency's Resolution, that compulsory Methods shall be used with such as have not paid due Regard to the Intimation you have directed to be given them, for which we return you our Thanks: We find likewise, that so far from any provisionary Aid being necessary to the Fifteen Pence *per Hoghead*, under our old Paper Money Law, that there is the strongest Probability of a great saving to the Country on that Act, and by our Treasurers Accounts there appear upwards of Four Thousand Pound of Public Money in their Hands. In Circumstances so favourable, we have considered the Claims recommended by your Excellency at the Opening of this Session, and those which arose for Quartering Soldiers, and Carriage and Provisions, in the late War, and with much Labour and strict Justice, liquidated those Accounts, and that those Creditors might have a speedy Payment out of the Public Money now locked up in the Treasury, which is much wanted in Circulation, we prepared and sent to the Upper House, a Bill enabling the Commissioners to pay them immediately, out of the Gold and Silver in their Hands. The Gentlemen of the Upper House agreed to the Liquidation of those Claims, but returned our Bill with a Negative. We likewise prepared and sent to the Upper House, a Journal of Accounts, with an Allowance of all just Claims, that every other Person appeared to us to have against the Public, and were in Hopes, that by it's Passage, and the Payment of the whole Debt as soon as cou'd well be, Public Credit might be again revived, but that too their Honours refused. On your Excellency's Recommendation in your Message of the 19th Instant, and a Petition of many of our Frontier Inhabitants, which then lay before us, sensibly touched with the Miseries to which those People lie exposed, from the Cruelty of small Parties of *Indians*, besides the Fifty Pounds Bounty allowed by an Act passed this Session, for *Indian* Prisoners and Scalps, which we hope, will in some Measure secure them, we framed a Bill for raising and keeping up a Company of Fifty Rangers, exclusive of Officers, till the first of *October* next, but that Bill has been returned to us by the Upper House with a Negative, though the designed Provision is allowed to be adequate, the Military Part proposed again to be adopted, and as indeed the whole was unexceptionable, there have been no Reasons given for that Negative.

Thus, may it please your Excellency, have we attempted immediately to Pay off the Creditors you particularly recommended, in Consideration, no doubt, of the peculiar Hardship of their Cases, to pay off the whole Provincial Debt as soon as it cou'd be done with tolerable Ease, and thereby restore Public Credit, and to provide for the Security and Protection of the back Inhabitants, whose deplorable Circumstances we do most sincerely and feelingly commiserate; but our Endeavours having thus proved ineffectual, and there being no further Business before us at this Time, we have only to request your Excellency to put an End to the Session.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and (attended by the rest of the Members of the Lower House) went to the Upper House, and there presented to his Excellency the following Ingrossed Bills, *viz.*

An Ingrossed Bill, entitled, *An Act to prohibit raising of Swine and Geese in Charles-Town in Charles County.*

An Ingrossed Bill, entitled, *An Act empowering the Justices of Prince-George's and Charles Counties, to Levy on the Taxable Persons of St. John's (commonly called King George's) Parish, in the said Counties, the Sum of Fifty-six Thousand Pounds of Tobacco for the necessary Enlargement of their Parish Church.*

An Ingrossed Bill, entitled, *An Act for imposing an additional Duty of Two Pounds per Poll on all Negroes imported into this Province.*

An Ingrossed Bill, entitled, *An Act to continue the Power of Sheriffs and Collectors, under the Act, entitled, An Act granting a Supply of Forty Thousand Pounds for his Majesty's Service, and striking Thirty-four Thousand and Fifteen Pounds Six Shillings thereof, in Bills of Credit, and raising a Fund for sinking the same, in Collecting and Accounting for the several Sums due in virtue of that Act.*

An Ingrossed Bill, entitled, *An Act empowering Richard Richardson, of Frederick County, to sell and dispose of the Lands which belonged to his deceased Father Richard Richardson, and to apply the Money arising therefrom to the Uses of his said Father's Will.*

An Ingrossed Bill, entitled, *An Act to empower the Justices of Charles County, to Levy on the Taxable Inhabitants of Port-Tobacco Parish, in said County, an additional Sum, not exceeding Two Pounds of Tobacco per Poll, annually, for the further Support of an Organist in the said Parish.*

An Ingrossed Bill, entitled, *An Act for creating a Public School in Frederick County.*

An Ingrossed Bill, entitled, *A Supplementary Act to an Act, entitled, An Act for the speedy and effectual Publication of the Laws of this Province, and for the Encouragement of Jonas Green, of the City of Annapolis, Printer.*

An Ingrossed Bill, entitled, *An Act to revive Kent County November Court, and to continue the Proceedings therein.*

All which his Excellency passed into Laws, in the usual Form: His Excellency made the following SPEECH, *viz.*

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