

These Observations on Your Bill seem to Us so reasonable, that We question not but a full Conviction will arise from them in your Judgments of the Impropriety and Mischiefs of the Bill as it now stands, in relation to Our Dutiful Intentions to his Majesty; But as We can with much Truth assure you, not a less hearty Zeal in the common Cause of Our Sovereign and Country actuates Us than yourselves, We recommend to your Consideration some Points necessary for a Bill of the like kind, which, We presume, must be very acceptable to his Majesty in the present Situation of Affairs: And therefore That Every person listing as a Soldier should be privileged from Arrests for any Debt under ten Pounds Sterling

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That whatever Bounty should be thought proper to be given, should not be paid before the Time of Embarkation.

That no Bounty should be given to any Serjeant Corporal or Drummer

That whatever Bounty should be distributed, All or any Part thereof to be paid towards the Satisfaction of such Debts (if any) that the Souldier may owe

That such Souldier shall be exempted for ever or any determined time after their Return from all publick, County and Parish Charges whatever as also from the Necessity of attending on the highways

That Every Souldier either in marching or travelling on any part of his Duty or Service shall have his Ferriage free

That all the Money drawn out of the Office for the purposes of this Bill shall be replaced by One or more moderate Taxes or Assesments

Your Bill Entituled, An Act for raising three pence p hogshead on all Tobacco to be exported within the time therein mentioned for purchasing Arms & Ammunition for the Defence of this Province has the following Preamble Viz. “Whereas his Majesty Our most Gracious Sovereign is now engaged in a War with Spain, and that there are some Grounds to apprehend the Crown of France will joyn in the same War against him, who having large Possessions on this Continent adjoining to some of those of Great Britain, may in such Case very probably attempt an Invasion on some of his Majestys Colonies here, and lest the Magazines of Arms and Ammunition now in this Province, and the money heretofore and now raised by any ways or means whatsoever for the Defence of this Government, and the purchasing Arms and Ammunition, should prove insufficient for that Purpose at this important Juncture. We his Majestys faithful Subjects the Delegates of the Freemen of the Province of Maryland, in general Assembly convened, as well to testify Our Zeal for his Majes^{ty}s person and Government, and to contribute as far as in Us lieth to the Success of his Majestys Arms, and against all Enemies whatsoever, as to put Ourselves in the best

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