

You cannot but be sensible that this House would very heartily U. H. J. [concur] with yours in any Measures we could with Honour come into, and that would enable his Majestys subjects in this Province to defend themselves and annoy their Enemies

You know that the Money heretofore raised to purchase Arms and Ammunition has always been paid into the hands of the Treasurers by the Naval Officers and the Application directed by the Governor and Council, You also know that this Money has been justly and honestly applied and a full and fair Account rendered of it

After all this We believe the unbiased Part of Mankind will be surprized at the Innovation You endeavour to Introduce, especially as the Impropriety of it has been sufficiently shewn in our former Messages to which were it necessary We could easily add other Arguments which seem to Us to be very Cogent

We now earnestly recommend to your serious Consideration Whether there ever was a more pressing Occasion for Our putting Ourselves in a Posture of Defence, than at this Critical Juncture; when a War is declared by the French against Our Sovereign, and that the French are numerous and well disciplined on this Continent and want neither skill nor Industry to Stir up the Indians against his Majestys subjects We hope You will consider these things with the Attention they deserve, that they will have their due Weight with you, and that You will be of Opinion that the best Proof you can possibly give of your Loyalty to his Sacred Majesty, and Regard for the security and Welfare of your Constituents, will be to come into such Measures, as self Preservation seem to Us plainly to dictate, wherein You may depend on Our hearty Concurrence

Signed p Order J Ross Ct Up Ho.

Read the second time the Bill entituled an Act for the Relief of Francis O'Conner Robert Noble of Dorchester County Planters Joseph Richardson of the said County Shoemaker languishing Prisoners in Dorchester County Goal, Thomas Joy a languishing Prisoner in Talbot County Goal, Cornelius Mahany of Cecil County Taylor a languishing Prisoner in Cecil County Goal, and Robert Floyd in Queen Anns County Goal and will pass with the following Amendments, the Words, the Sheriffs fees being first deducted, to be added in 18<sup>th</sup> Line of the 5<sup>th</sup> Page after the Word, sale sent by Col<sup>o</sup> Hammond

Read the second time the Bill entituled an Act for issuing Writs of Replevin out of the County Courts of this Province; and read the second time the Bill Entituled A supplementary Act to the Act entituled an Act for the Relief of Debtors and ascertaining the manner of tenders in Tobacco, and to the Supplementary Act thereto, and will not pass sent by Col<sup>o</sup> Hollyday

A Message from the Lower House, by Mess<sup>rs</sup> Harrison and Robins