

L. H. J. ordered their Marching to the Ohio to defend their Hunting
 Liber No. 47 Grounds, and that they should be supported by Forces from this,
 March 6 which, if they comply with, I am in hopes we shall make some Figure there.

I have thirty Cannon from the Crown, ten whereof I have ordered out to be mounted on the Fort to be erected on the Ohio. In May next I shall proceed to Winchester, to meet the Chiefs of several Nations of Indians, and to deliver them a Present from his Majesty.

If I can be of any Service to you or the Colony (happy) under your Command, I shall chearfully receive your Directions, and am, with great Sincerity

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Your Excellency's
 Most obedient humble Servant,
 Robert Dinwiddie.

The inclosed Proclamation will }
 be general to all the Forces. }

Which Message and Letter were severally read, and ordered to lie on the Table.

Benedict Calvert, Esq; from the Upper House, delivers to Mr. Speaker a Petition of George Gordon, late Sheriff of Frederick County, praying Leave to bring in a Bill, To empower the Justices of Frederick County, to assess and levy, on the taxable Persons of the said County, the Sum of 118 l. to enable the said Justices to repay the said George Gordon, the aforesaid Sum by them received from him, and applied to the Use of the said County, &c. indorsed, "By the Upper House of Assembly, read, and referred to the Consideration of the Lower House of Assembly." Which Petition was read, and Leave given to bring in a Bill, according to the Petitioner's Prayer.

Richard Lee, Esq; from the Upper House, delivers to Mr. Speaker the Bill intituled, An Act for his Majesty's Service, indorsed, "By the Upper House of Assembly, March 6, 1754. Read the second Time and will pass, with the following Amendments; leave out all that Part of the Bill, from the Words Negotiation aforesaid, in the 3d and 4th Lines of the 2d Page, to the Words and for the, in the 6th Line of 7th Page; leave out the Words and this present Act, in 13th Line of the 8th Page, and insert the following, and until the Sum of Five Hundred Pounds Current Money, in this Act mentioned to be paid for the Purposes aforesaid, be also replaced; in 16th Line of the same Page, leave out the Words, and this present Act; in the last Line of the same Page, leave out, or this present Act; in the first Line of the last Page, leave out the Words, and this Act.

Signed per Order, J. Ross, Cl. Up. Ho."

On reading the Amendments proposed by the Upper House to the Bill intituled, An Act for his Majesty's Service; the Question was