

L. H. J.
Liber No. 48
July 7

	For the Negative,	
Hynson,	Moore,	Ward,
Wallis,	Handy,	Fraser,
Hammond,	J. Goldsborough,	Lloyd,
Carroll,	Edmondson,	E. Tilghman,
Hall,	Edge,	Casson,
Reynolds,	Gray,	Bracco,
J. Mackall,	Travers,	Scarborough,
B. Mackall,	Paca,	J. Henry,
Stoddert,	Tolley,	Evans.
Jordan,	Hyland,	

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	For the Affirmative,	
Reeder,	Murdock,	Crabb,
Gresham,	Hawkins,	Chapline,
C. Goldsborough,	Bordley,	Beall,
Baker,	Dulany,	Sprigg.

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In Pursuance of the Order of the House, the following Bill is inserted in the Words following, viz.

An Act for securing the Western Frontier of this Province against the Depredations of the French, and their Indian Allies; and also for paying and maintaining Couriers from Wills's-Creek to Annapolis, and back to Wills's-Creek.

Whereas the French and their Indian Allies, have lately, in an hostile Manner, entered the Western Frontier of this Province, and sundry of his Majesty's Subjects have destroyed and murdered, and others have taken and carried into Captivity: For the Prevention thereof for the future,

Be it Enacted, by the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary, by and with the Advice and Consent of his Lordships's Governor, and the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly, and the Authority of the same, That his Excellency the Governor, for the Time being, enlist, raise, or impress, a Number of able-bodied Men, not exceeding Eighty, including Officers, and appoint and commission such Officers to discipline and command them; and that he order and dispose the same for the Security of the Western Frontier of this Province, against the Insults, Murders, and Depredations of the French, and their Indian Allies, for and during such Time as to him shall seem necessary, not exceeding Four Months, in such Manner as to him shall seem meet. Provided, That no Freeholder or House-Keeper, within this Province, shall be impressed for the Service herein directed.

p.135 And whereas his Excellency the Governor has already appointed Stages, stationed Horses, and contracted with Couriers, for the Dis-