

at all Events and not to keep them in the Service upon any Pretence whatsoever after the 25th day of Decem.^r next as the Bill proposes we apprehend might be of the most dangerous Consequence to that Safety and Security of the Province that this Bill intends to preserve and might render every thing done in Consequence of the powers and authorities given in it absolutely ineffectual to the End proposed. That the pay of the Officers we think should be regulated as near as may be to that of the Neighbouring Colonies to prevent disputes and uneasinesses among them and therefore the Captains Pay should be 12/6 p day the Lieutenants 6/ Ensigns 4/8 Sergeants 1/6 Corporals and Drummers 1/ each and each Private Soldier 8^d p day and that every Company should consist of a Captain Lieutenant Ensign 3 Sergeants 3 Corporals 2 Drummers and 50 Private men only it having been found by Experience as we are informed that in so Woody a Country such a Number of men cannot be duly Commanded and kept to their duty by a Less Number of Officers That in the Fort we think there should be a Fort Adjutant Gunner and Gunsmith the first to be allowed Lieutenants Pay and the Gunner and Gunsmith 2/6 p Day each That we think a Surgeon who shall be Employed in the Service ought to be a man of Skill and abilities in his Business and therefore as his Medicine Chest Instruments and Equipage will as we are Informed cost him forty pounds Sterling it is not Reasonable to give him less than that sum besides Ten Shil^s p day and a Mate to attend and assist him Whereas by this Bill he is only allowed 6/ p day and is to find his own Medecines and Instruments That a Clause should be Inserted to Punish Mutiny and desertion in the Soldiers and inflicting a Severe Penalty on such Persons as shall Entertain Deserters. That the Clause in the Bill directing the Election of the Colectors of Excise by the Rector Vestry and Church Wardens in each County we Conceive is an infringement upon the Right of the Government to appoint Officers and therefore we cannot agree to it That the Tax upon wine and Spirits now in Cellars Vaults &c.^a for Private Consumption we apprehend is an unprecedented unheard of Tax and of Dangerous Tendency under a British Constitution and therefore will not consent to it. We think that the Exciseman as his Trust is great and may be under the Temptation of Committing many abuses of the Powers given him by the Bill should give a Security in the sum of Four hundred pounds at least That as there is a perpetual Law against bringing into this Province from Pennsylvania or the Teritories thereto belonging or from any other Province or Colonie in this Continent any horses Mares Colts or Fillys under the Penalty of Forfeiting the same we think it will be Necessary to add a Clause to that part of the Bill laying a Duty on horses Brought into this Province for Sale Repealing that part of that perpetual Law Relating to the bringing in horses for Sale.

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