

L. H. J.  
Liber No. 48  
March 5

The following Message, viz.

By the Lower House of Assembly, March 5, 1756.

May it please your Honours,

We have now under our Consideration, a Bill for the Defence of the Province, but as it requires Time to frame it with Propriety, and to agree upon Means to raise a fit Sum of Money for this necessary and important Purpose, and in the mean Time our Frontier Inhabitants may be greatly distressed, if not speedily assisted; we desire your Concurrence to an Ordinance for the Payment of Five Hundred Pounds, by the Commissioners of the Loan-Office, to his Excellency the Governor, to be by him laid out and disposed of, for the Protection and Security of the said Inhabitants; and also, to enable him to pay to any the Inhabitants of this Province, who have or shall kill and scalp, or take alive, any Indian Enemy, the Sum of Ten Pounds Current Money; and we will take proper Measures in our Bill for replacing the said Sum, that the Credit of our Currency may not be thereby affected.

Signed per Order, M. Macnemara, Cl. Lo. Ho.

Was sent to the Upper House, by Major Hall and M.<sup>r</sup> Williamson.

The House adjourns till the Morrow Morning at 9 of the Clock.

March 6

Saturday Morning, 6<sup>th</sup> March, 1756.

The House met according to Adjournment, The members were called and all appeared as Yesterday, except Col. Tilghman (absent through Sickness), M.<sup>r</sup> B. Mackall, Capt. Jordan, M.<sup>r</sup> Tolley, M.<sup>r</sup> Smith, and M.<sup>r</sup> Fraser.

M.<sup>r</sup> Bordley appeared in the House.

M.<sup>r</sup> Edmondson, M.<sup>r</sup> Tilghman, and M.<sup>r</sup> Edge, have Leave of the House to go home.

His Excellency communicated to M.<sup>r</sup> Speaker, the following Message, viz.

Gentlemen of the Lower House of Assembly,

p. 185 Inclosed you have an Account how the Six Thousand Pounds, that was granted by the last Assembly, for his Majesty's Service, has been expended; as I have not Time to examine Colonel Cresap's Accounts, I must desire your Committee to do it, and have ordered him to attend for that Purpose. Herewith you also receive the Journals of Captains Beall, Ridgely, and Beall, who, in Obedience to my Orders, on the Alarm in October last, marched with Parties of the Militia from Prince-George's, Anne-Arundel, and Frederick Counties, to range on the Western Frontiers, for the Protection of the Inhabitants: Their Services I recommend to your Consideration, and hope you will not be averse to rewarding them.

5<sup>th</sup> of March 1756

Hor.<sup>o</sup> Sharpe.