L. H. J. Liber No. 48 September

The Governor communicated to M. Speaker the following Message, viz.

24 Gentlemen of the Lower House of Assembly,

When, in Compliance with the Earl of Loudoun's Requisition, I sent Instructions to the Officers of the Militia to enlist Men for the Royal American Regiment, I persuaded myself that Part of the Forty Thousand Pounds, lately granted for his Majesty's Service, would, agreeable to his Royal Pleasure, have been appropriated many Days ago to defray the Expence of raising a Number of Men in this Province for the Regiment abovementioned, and that an Act would have been passed for that Purpose, before any Demand could be made on me for Money to defray such Expence; I am sorry to find my Hopes were without Foundation: But as I am obliged, at this Time, to pay a considerable Sum of Money for a Number of Recruits that are already sent me, and expect to be called on every Hour for larger Sums, I must desire you to inform me what Bills you have Framed, or what Determination you have come to on the Matters that I recommended to your Consideration at the Opening of this Session. If you are disposed to comply with the Earl of Loudoun's Request, be pleased to fall on some Measures for supplying me with Levy-Money, till such a Bill as I have recommended to you to Frame can be prepared; or if you are (contrary to my Expectations) determined to pay no Regard to the Earl of Loudoun's Requisition, you would oblige me by informing me thereof, that I may know what I have to depend on, and, according to my Promise, acquaint his Lordship with your Resolution.

Hor.º Sharpe.

September 24, 1756.

Major Hyland brings in and delivers to M. Speaker the following Report Viz.

By the Committee appointed by the Honble the house of Delegates to Inspect the Arms and Ammunition and Accounts relating thereto September 21.st 1756.

Your Committee having Inspected the Arms and Ammunition in the City of Annapolis do find that there are in the Possession of the Armourer the following Arms and Ammunition Viz.^t

In the Council Chamber Seventy bright Hilted Swords, twenty good Trumpets, Six good Drums and Sticks, Nineteen Pikes, twenty four Halberts, twenty Six Slings with Buckets, Sixty Six Slings without Buckets, Eighteen Daggers, fifteen Sword blades.

Over the Council Chamber ten new Drums Compleat, Sixteen pair of Drum Sticks twelve Buff Slings four Neat Leather Slings, Six New Cartouch Boxes, twenty four old Ditto, In the Room over the Conference Chamber, twenty Bayonets, Twenty five bright Hilted Swords, and one brass Hilted Ditto one hundred and thirty