

of the Public Money, appropriated to another Purpose, to reimburse yourself that Expence: A Suspicion, at this Time, as unseasonable, as it is groundless and unjust. We are impowered not only to raise, but to enquire into the Disposition of all Public Money; and as it is our Duty, so it is our Resolution, to preserve this essential and peculiar Privilege of our House, by giving Discountenance to every Misapplication of it.

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And now, to convince you how groundless your Suspicions were, we beg Leave to acquaint your Excellency, that, as we are thoroughly satisfied of the Misapplication of that Money by the Agents, and therefore look on them as accountable for it, and that your Excellency cannot hesitate to repay the same into their Hands, to be applied according to the Directions of the Act, in Virtue of which it was raised, we have, by a Bill now before us, made Provision for your immediate Reimbursement of the Expences of those Troops.

In the same Message you are pleased to say, that we have at length intimated to you, that you must not expect any Bill for Levying Men, in this Province, for the Royal Americans, till towards the Conclusion of the Session: This is an Insinuation that we are wanting in Duty to his Majesty, and that, instead of forwarding his Service, we postpone the Consideration of it to every other Matter. We shall no farther take Notice of the great Injustice done us herein, than to desire your Excellency to recur to our Address of the Twenty-fourth of September, to which the above Message is an Answer, and examine what possible Foundation there is for it; and we shall readily appeal to that, and to all other our Proceedings, to evince, not only our Warmth of Zeal for his Majesty's Service, but to shew, that we have ever given it the first Place in our Deliberations.

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What your Excellency recommends, concerning a Light-House to be built on Cape-Henry, is a Matter altogether new, and therefore we choose to postpone the Consideration of it to the next Session of Assembly.

On Reading the said Address, the Question was put, Whether in that Part of it, viz. [And we must beg your Excellency to be assured, that no Person, in whatever Station, can be more industrious in contriving, that we are active and vigilant in detecting all Misapplications,] shall be Altered, or Not? Resolved in the Affirmative.

For the Affirmative,

Hynson,
Wallis,
Jenifer,
J. Handy,
Dennis,
Gray,

Waggaman,
Travers,
Govane,
Ward,
D. Dulany,
W. Dulany,

Casson,
Scarborough,
Henry,
Evans,
B. Handy,
Chapline.

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