

L. H. J. Table; and (thus) By the Upper House of Assembly, March 10,
 Liber No. 48 1755, Read the second Time, and will not pass.
 March 10

Signed per Order, J. Ross, Cl. Up. Ho.”

And, the following Message, viz.

By the Upper House of Assembly, March 10, 1755.

Gentlemen,

After duly considering the Bill that you were pleased to send to us, under the Title of An Act for raising a supply towards his Majesty’s Service, we have thought fit to return it with a Negative, for Reasons which we hope will, in your Opinion, justify our Refusal of that Bill, and incline you to frame a less exceptionable One for the important Service, which, by this, you proposed to promote. To that Part of the Bill which directs the Issuing and making Current, the Sum of £4015:6:0: as an additional Sum to the Bills of Credit that have been made Current, and is at present in Circulation, according to a Law of this Province, enacted in the Year 1733, we object, because we are persuaded, that an Emission of such a Number of new Bills manifestly tends to depreciate the Credit of our Paper Currency, which we think it the Duty of each Branch of the Legislature, for many obvious and weighty Causes, to support: We observe also, that to answer the Purposes of this Bill, the several Sums now lent on Loan according to the Intent and Direction of the said Law of 1733, must be called in, which we apprehend would, in some Proportion, lessen the Security, or Fund, of our Currency. To repay the Loan Office Part of the £10,000 we observe, that the Bill appropriates the Fines and Forfeitures accruing from Ordinary Licences, which, had we no other Motives to object to that Part of the Bill, and to such an Appropriation, we think are too far mortgaged already to be subjected to the Payment of other Monies, of which we remember the late House of Delegates were convinced, when they insisted, about a Year since, that the Ordinary Licence Fund was too far engaged to be made liable to the Payment of so small a Sum as Five Hundred Pounds.

And, Gentlemen, As we think the Bill now returned you in many Parts improper, so we conceive that some Parts of it, if passed into a Law, would be so far from promoting the End which we suppose is designed, that hardly any Thing could be imagined more destructive thereto. As a Means of preventing the farther Encroachments of his Majesty’s Enemies, on these his American Dominions, we apprehend we ought to encourage the Settlement of the back and remote Parts of this Province, and his Majesty’s Lands behind us, with good British Subjects, at the same Time that his Majesty’s Troops are employed against the Enemies, who have presumed to encroach on and build Fortresses within his Majesty’s Territories; but we cannot prevail with ourselves to believe, that this Bill will have