

Mr. Benjamin Mackall, Mr. Govane, Mr. John Hammond Dorsey, Mr. Cockey Deye, and Mr. King, appeared in the House.

L. H. J.
Liber No. 49
Oct. 11

On Reading and Considering his Excellency's Message of the 7th Instant, relative to sending out some Militia to patrol on the Frontiers for Protection of the Inhabitants, Resolved Unanimously, That there is no Necessity at present for sending out the Militia, as there are Forces now in the Pay of this Province more than sufficient to Guard the Frontier Inhabitants thereof.

Ordered, That an Address be prepared to his Excellency accordingly; and that Philip Hammond, Esq; Col. Tilghman, and Mr. Edward Dorsey, do prepare and bring in the same.

The House adjourns until 2 of the Clock Afternoon.

Post-Meridiem. The House met according to Adjournment, &c.

His Excellency the Governor communicated to Mr. Speaker, the following Message, viz.†

Gentlemen of the Lower House of Assembly,

The Circumstances of the Times, and the Nature and Importance of the Matters I laid before you at the Opening of this Session, gave me Hopes, that a new Representative of the good People of this Province would have readily gone into a Consideration of such Points, as should most effectually conduce both to the Security of that People against the Incursions and Ravages of a foreign and cruel Enemy, and prevent the Inconveniencies which they must otherwise inevitably be subject to, during the Course of the approaching Season.

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Of such Nature were the Two Particulars I recommended to you at the Opening of this Session, of continuing the Support for the Troops already raised for the Defence of this Province, and of making a Provision for the Reception of such of his Majesty's Regular Forces as should be ordered hither for Winter Quarters; and indeed I was much pleased to find in your Address, as well a Promise that those Matters should have the first Place in your Deliberations, as your Reliance on mine, that "if you should think fit, after they were dispatched, to proceed to other Business, any Bills that you should offer, whereby the Province might be Benefited, or the Security and Welfare of the People Promoted, should meet my ready Assent;" because from hence I could not but conclude, that where so much Harmony subsisted between the Government and the Representatives of the People, where the Chief Magistrate cannot, upon Recollection, charge himself with any one Attempt to oppress or injure any Individual amongst his Majesty's Subjects of this Province, much less at an Infringement of, or Violation to, any of the just Rights and Privileges of either of the other Branches of the Legislature, and where consequently he could have no just Reason to expect any such Attempt being made upon him; I say,