

L. H. J.
Liber No. 49
Dec. 6

I think what I have said sufficiently proves the pernicious Consequences to his Majesty's Service (wherein the general Interest of the Colonies is included) following from large rewards for Scalps given by Provincial Laws to the Indians and those rewards open a Door to great fraud and Imposition upon the Colonies or the Donors themselves, for the Cherokees in particular have got the Art of making four Scalps out of one Man killed, here are now twenty Scalps hanging out to Publick View which are well known to have made out of five Frenchmen killed what a sum (at £50 each) would they produce if carried to Maryland where the Artifice probably would not be discovered. For these Reasons I have declared to the Indians I have met here, that I do not buy Scalps, they may keep them according to their own Custom as Marks of Honour and that I purpose Always to reward those I employ in proportion to their Services (whereof I am to be the judge) without regard to the Number of Scalps, for that many an Indian may deserve a reward without killing an Enemy, or if he does kill any he may not be able to produce the Scalps which is often the case. The Principal Cherokee Warrior now in these parts said, this was right, it was the best way of acting and he was much pleased with it.

Which Message, and Extract, were severally Read, and Ordered to lie on the Table.

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

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The House met according to Adjournment: The Members were called, and all appeared as Yesterday, except Col. Henry, Mr. Stodert and Mr. Sulivane. The Proceedings were Read.

Capt. Gassaway brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker, the following Report, viz.^t

December 7. 1757.

By the Committee appointed by the Lower House of Assembly, to Tax the Fees and Allowances to the Officers of the House, and several other Persons attending as Evidences, on the Disputed Elections, of the City of Annapolis, and the several Counties hereafter Named:

Have thought it Reasonable to Rate the said Fees and Allowances, in the following Manner; That is to say,

For the City of Annapolis, on the Petition of Henry Woodward:	
To the Clerk, for issuing 8 Subpcenas,	£ 1 4 0
To Copy of Henry Woodward's Petition for Dr. Steuart,	0 4 0
To the Serjeant for Serving 6 Subpcenas,	0 18 0
To Ditto for Non est against Dorothy Elton,	0 1 0
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