

The Money that had been disbursed for raising and cloathing the Company of Soldiers commanded by Capt. Dagworthy, and to pay the Officers and Men to a certain Day in February, amounted to upwards of £2000 and it was estimated, that several contingent Charges (Accounts of some of which had been delivered in to me, and others not) would amount to upwards of £1000 more, so that there was by the Estimate I had then made, very little more than £1000 remaining and unengaged of the whole £6000 which had been granted in the preceding Summer. After the Assembly was Prorogued (which it was the 26th of March) I sent, according to Custom, for the several Letters, and for all the Papers, that I had laid before the House during the Session, they were accordingly all returned to me; but whether those Papers were sent or brought to me by the Clerk of the House, or the Clerk of the Committee, I cannot say I at this Time perfectly remember, the Transaction having happened near Three Years ago. After the Conclusion of the Session, there was likewise returned to me, as usual, a Copy of the Journal of the Proceedings of the Lower House during that Session; and on perusing it, I found therein, a Report of a Committee which had been appointed to examine the Papers that I had laid before the House with my Message of the 26th of February. It appeared that the Report had not been concurred with by the House, and for that Reason I suppose was never Printed in the Journal; but as I perceived that the Committee had made many Remarks on Colonel Cresap's Papers, Estimates or Accounts, or whatever you will be pleased to call them, and Reported that many of his Charges were Extravagant, I thought it was very proper he should be acquainted with the Committee's Opinion of him, and therefore I took a Copy thereof, and ordered Mr. Ridout to send it to the Colonel, together with the said Papers, by the first Opportunity of Conveyance, and at the same Time to desire, that he would immediately call in all the Accounts of the People from whom he had purchased any Thing for the Use of the Troops, and that he would then make out and send down, with proper Vouchers, a regular, methodical, and clear Account of every Thing that he had purchased, and of the Money which he had paid, for any Services done by my Order.

If it should be still insisted on by any Person, that these Papers of Colonel Cresap's were really Accounts, I shall only say, that whatever Light they may have appeared in to any one else, I did not consider them as such, when I laid them before the House; and for this I appeal to Mr. Waggaman, a Member of your House, who was one of that Committee, and remembers, that during the Session held in February 1755, I Declared, that by sending those Papers to the House, I intended nothing more than to shew what Colonel Cresap's Demand, on a Settlement, might in all Probability be. But let it be supposed they were returned by Col. Cresap as proper Accounts,

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