Mr. Key appeared in the House.

The Order of the Day being Read; the House Resolved itself Feb. 17 into a Committee of the whole House, to take into further Consideration his Excellency the Governor's Speech, together with the Earl of Loudoun's Letter.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Speaker Re-assumed the Chair.

Mr. Lloyd, Chairman from the Committee of the whole House, Reported, That the Committee had proceeded to take into further Consideration the Matter Referred to them; but through Want of Time, could not compleat the same; therefore craves Leave of the House to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will (Afternoon) Resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House, to take into further Consideration his Excellency the Governor's Speech, together with the Earl of Loudoun's Letter.

Daniel Dulany, Esq; from the Upper House, delivers to Mr. Speaker, a Petition of Thomas Clark and George Scott, of Prince-George's County; Indorsed, "By the Upper House of Assembly, 17th February, 1758. Read and Referred to the Consideration of the Lower House of Assembly."

Which Petition was Read here, and Ordered to lie on the Table.

The House adjourns till 2 of the Clock.

Post-Meridiem. The House met according to Adjournment.

The Order of the Day being Read; the House Resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, to take into further Consideration his Excellency the Governor's Speech, together with the Earl of Loudoun's Letter.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Speaker re-assumed the Chair.

Mr. Lloyd, from the Committee of the whole House, acquainted Mr. Speaker, That that Committee had Resolved that the Number of 300 Men (Officers included) be raised and supported at the Expence of this Province, for his Majesty's Service, and the more immediate Protection of the Frontier Inhabitants thereof, and directed him to Report the same to the House.

On Consideration of the said Report, the House concurs therewith. p. 245

On Motion, Ordered, That an Address be prepared to his Excellency the Governor, in Answer to his Message of the 15th Instant, relative to the Cherokee Indians; and that Mr. Dorsey, Col. Tilghman, and Mr. Carroll, do prepare and bring in such Address.

On Motion, the Question was put, and thereupon Resolved, That the Sum of £20,000 be raised for his Majesty's Service, and the more immediate Protection of the Frontier Inhabitants thereof.

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