

L. H. J.  
Liber No. 49  
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our Frontier Inhabitants, would disband themselves, when they found that the Assembly had broke up without making any farther Provision for their Support, I thought it my indispensable Duty to order Two Companies of Militia to the Frontiers, lest the People that are settled there, being left without any Hopes of Assistance or Protection, should desert their Plantations, or fall an easy Prey to the Enemy. By Virtue of the same Law, that obliged the Detachments of Militia to march, that I ordered to the Frontiers, at the Desire of the late Lower House of Assembly, the 30th of September, 1756, any of the Men that have now marched, would doubtless have been punished, if they had refused to do so.

I cannot, Gentlemen, lay before you all the Orders that have been issued by my Direction, relative to the Marching and providing Subsistence for the Militia abovementioned, as the Originals are in the Hands of the Gentlemen to whom they were directed, and I have not Copies of them by me; but inclosed you have some Orders and a Press-Warrant, which are similar to those that have been issued, and which I propose to send to Captain Brome, and the Press-Masters of Calvert County, whenever I find myself under a Necessity of ordering another Company of Militia to march to the Assistance of the Frontier Inhabitants.

Hor.<sup>o</sup> Sharpe.

23d February, 1758.

p. 250 Which was Read, and Ordered to lie on the Table.

On Motion, That a Militia-Law made in March, 1732, be now Read; also the Governor's Message to the Lower House dated 26th September, 1756; his Excellency's Orders to the Colonels of Prince-George's and Baltimore Counties, with their Answers thereto; also his Excellency's Message of the 29th of September, 1756, to the Lower House of Assembly; and the Address of the Lower House of the 30th of September, 1756, in Answer thereto; the same accordingly were severally Read and Considered.

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

Feb. 24

Friday, February 24, 1758.

The House met according to Adjournment: The Members were called, and all appeared as Yesterday, except Mr. Reeder and Mr. Sudler. The Proceedings were Read.

Mr. Reeder's Family being very sick, he is excused from Attendance.

The House adjourns till 2 of the Clock.

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