

tants of this Province, whereby it is Enacted, "That the several Companies of the said 500 Men, or such Part of them as shall be at any Time raised, shall be Mustered Monthly, while they remain in the Province, and that the Commissary shall always Close the Muster Roll of each Company, upon the Place where, and the Day when, the Muster thereof shall be taken."

L. H. J.
Liber No. 50
April 24

Your Committee further observe, that of the 14 Recruits, which by the Report last Session are said not to be entered on any the preceding Muster Rolls, the following 8 Persons appear on the September Rolls, viz. John Day, John White, Samuel Powell, Thomas Pedworth, William Jennings, John Cole, James M^cNeil, and Robert Chilton; and the following 6 Persons, the Remainder of the said 14 Recruits, viz. John Carroll, Joseph Jones, George Laws, William Brown, William Lay, and Charles Dorsey, do not appear to have been entered on any Muster Roll submitted to the Examination of your Committee. p. 102

Your Committee also Report, that from the Entries in, and Certificates endorsed on, the said Muster Rolls, it appears (except in very few Instances) that the same Persons, who by the preceding Muster Rolls, are said to have gone on Party and Detachment in April, are by the several subsequent Rolls down to the 8th Day of October last, certified to be employed in the same Manner, without any Notice taken of their Return, or having been Relieved by Others; from which Circumstance, your Committee cannot help expressing it as their Opinion, that those Troops were not stationed at such Places, and Employed in such Services, as would contribute most to the Quiet and Safety of our Frontier Inhabitants, and that one Third Part of the said 500 Men, or so many of them as have been at any Time in Pay of this Province, have not been Employed in Ranging about the Frontier thereof for the Quiet and Protection of the Inhabitants; but at what Place or in what Service, those Troops said to be on Detachment and Party, were Stationed or Employed, does not appear from any of the Muster Rolls, or other Papers, laid before your Committee.

Your Committee beg leave to represent to the Honourable House, that in the Victualling Account, there is a Charge of 9 pence p Day Subsistence for 4 Women for each Company, which we humbly conceive is not Warranted by any Act of Assembly of this Province; but the like, or a larger Number, being, as we are informed, Allowed in his Majesty's Regular Forces, we are of Opinion the Charge is reasonable. And in the Hospital Account there is a Charge of £12.19. paid to Dr. David Ross for the Subsistence of 518 Days of sick Men, at 6 pence p Day, from the 9th September to the 8th of October last, over and above the Allowance of 9 pence p Day under the Contract for Victualling the Troops, which does not seem to be Warranted by any Regulation or Agreement laid before your Committee, p. 103