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Resolved, That the Governor of this Province setting up an Authority under the Act aforesaid, with the Advice of his Council, to march the good People of this Province to the Frontiers thereof, whenever he and they may be apprehensive of a foreign Invasion, is not warranted by the said Act; and that if such a Power should be exercised, the People might be Enslaved, by being Marched as often to, and Compelled to remain as long on, the Frontiers, as the Governor and his Council might think fit, while their helpless Families were perishing at home.

Resolved, That that Part of his Excellency's Message of the 5th Instant, which is in the following Words, "Should the Issue of this Session be such as I most earnestly hope it will, I shall immediately Countermand the Orders that have been sent to Captain Brome and to the Captain of a Company of Militia in Cæcil County; but if you should unhappily break up again, without making Provision for the Support of any Troops, either to act under the Command of Brigadier Forbes, or to be left on our Frontiers, I apprehend the Gentlemen of the Council will think it absolutely necessary that Two or Three Companies of Militia should immediately, &c." seems to be calculated to intimidate and influence the Representatives of the People to agree to a Bill for making Provision for his Majesty's Service, and the Defence and Security of this Province, upon a Mode of Taxation unreasonable, unequal, and grievous to his Majesty's faithful Subjects, and which must, in the End, be destructive of their common Interest.

p. 191 Resolved, That the said Part of his Excellency's Message, so far as it was intended to serve the Purpose abovementioned, appears to be a Violation of the Liberty and Freedom that ought to be preserved in all the Proceedings and Determinations of this House.

Mr. Goldsborough appeared in the House.

Mr. Dulany brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker, the following Report viz.

[This report is printed in full in Upper House Journal, pp. 524-529.]

p. 196 N. B. Meverel Lock, Sheriff of St. Mary's County, paid since the Closing the Books, £14..o..o.

Your Committee further Report, that by the Act, entituled, An Act for emitting and making Current the Sum of £90,000 Current Money of Maryland, in Bills of Credit, the Commissioners are impowered to lend, etc.

[This report with accompanying letter is printed in full in Upper House Journal, pp. 533-534.]

And the following Report, N.º 2

p. 204 At a Committee of both Houses of Assembly, appointed to Inspect the Office and Proceedings of the Commissioners, etc.