

L. H. J. the Pay of this Province by Virtue of an Act, entituled, An Act
 Liber No. 50 for his Majesty's Service, and the more immediate Defence and
 May 10 Protection of the Frontier Inhabitants of this Province, as should
 appear to have been employed in the Service of this Province, until
 the End of this Session of Assembly, by Muster-Rolls to be returned
 upon Oath to the Agents therein after appointed, from the Time
 the Money appropriated by the said Act, for those Purposes, was
 p. 218 expended, until the Expiration of Ten Days after the passing that
 Bill into a Law, and to the Pay, the Subsistence, Cloathing, and all
 other Charges whatsoever attending the Supporting of Two Hun-
 dred Men, Officers included, to be stationed at Fort Frederick, and
 to act as Rangers for the more immediate Defence, Protection and
 Quiet of the Frontier Inhabitants, and supported till the 13th Day
 of September next.

£2500 was appropriated by that Bill to the discharging the Claims
 of such Persons as had been burthened with the Expence of Quarter-
 ing those of his Majesty's Troops which were ordered into this
 Province for Winter Quarters.

£2000 was appropriated by the same Bill for Cultivating the Friend-
 ship and Engaging the Assistance of the Southern Tribes of Indians,
 and Establishing them in the British Interest.

The unalterable Adherence of the Upper House to their Objections
 against the most material Points in that Bill, which is founded upon
 Principles the most reasonable and equitable, and their declining to
 proceed in a Mode lately under use of between the Two Houses on a
 similar Occasion, notwithstanding we have conceded so far as to
 declare to them our Willingness thereto, leaves us not the least Room
 to hope, that any one good End can be obtained from our remaining
 any longer here at this Time, unless we could be induced to believe,
 that the Gentlemen of the Upper House would recede from their
 Resolutions.

We have most seriously considered the Light our Conduct will
 stand in before his Majesty and the World, when fairly and candidly
 represented; and we cannot but express our Concern, that your Ex-
 cellency should say, "we alone, of all his Majesty's Subjects, decline
 to contribute to the Execution of the Plan that has been laid for the
 Security of these Colonies," when you must be convinced of our
 repeated sincere Endeavours for Supporting the Common Cause
 against his Majesty's Enemies, however unfortunately they may have
 been rendered ineffectual.

Any Inconveniencies our Constituents may undergo, by being
 obliged to march to the Assistance of the Frontier Inhabitants, who
 may be exposed for want of that Protection which this House has
 endeavoured to afford them, we hope they will, however disagreeable,
 p. 219 submit to, provided it be agreeable to a reasonable Construction of
 the Militia-Law, supposing it to be in Force; and we must express