

L. H. J.
Liber No. 48
April 26

	For the Negative,	
Reeder,	Paca,	E. Tilghman,
Hammond,	Earle,	Scarborough,
Gassaway,	Murdock,	Beall,
Carroll,	Fraser,	Sprigg.
J. J. Mackall,	Gantt,	
M. Tilghman,	Lloyd,	[16]

Ordered, That the Message be Altered according to the Resolution of the foregoing Question.

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

April 27

Wednesday, 27th April, 1757.

The House met according to Adjournment, &c.

The following Message,

By the Lower House of Assembly, 27th April, 1757.

May it please your Honours,

We have considered the Amendments and Alterations, proposed by your Honours to our Bill for his Majesty's Service, and the more immediate Defence and Security of this Province; and though we have thought it expedient to consent to many of them, yet there are some to which the Circumstances of our Constituents will never permit us to agree.

As to your First, we are unanimously of Opinion, that Five Hundred Men are more than are necessary for our own immediate Defence and Protection, but have agreed to Raise that Number, that we may, as far as can be reasonably expected, comply with the Earl of Loudoun's Requisition; and as it is but just, our Motive should appear, we are determined not to agree to your Alteration.

Your Second Amendment depending on the First, falls of Course.

Upon Enquiry, it does not appear to us, that any Part of the Two Thousand Four Hundred Pounds, applied by the Act, entitled, An Act for his Majesty's Service, and further Defence and Security of this Province, for the Completion of Fort Frederick, is included in the Sums applied by this Bill; and therefore we think your Third Amendment is entirely unnecessary.

Your Fourth, Fifth, and Sixth Amendments, we agree to.

We think it expedient, that a sufficient Number of the Five Hundred Men, while the Rest are Ranging, should be left at Fort Frederick, for the Safety and Protection of any Military Stores that may be lodged therein; and therefore cannot agree to the Seventh Amendment.