

L. H. J. Gentlemen of the Lower House of Assembly,  
 Liber No. 51  
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I thank you for your Promise to take General Forbes's Letter into Consideration, agreeable to my Desire; and shall be very glad if your Resolutions thereupon convince him, that the Inhabitants of Maryland, or if, you please much the greatest Part of them, whose Inclinations will, I hope, for their own Sakes, be judged of by your Conduct and Behaviour during this Session, and not by the Proceedings of the late Lower House, are really such as I thought it my Duty to represent them when I endeavoured to remove the Prejudices, which his Excellency and many others of his Majesty's Officers, seemed to have conceived against them.

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

The Order of the Day being Read; the House took into Consideration the Subject-Matter contained in his Excellency the Governor's Speech, together with General Forbes's Letter to the Governor: And

Resolved, That this House will, out of the first Supplies that shall be granted for his Majesty's Service, appropriate a Sum Sufficient to Reimburse General Forbes what he may have advanced for the Pay, Victualling, and Cloathing, of the Troops formerly in the Pay of this Province, from the time the Money granted for the Pay, Subsistence, and Cloathing of the said Men, was expended, till the Time the said Troops were taken into his Majesty's Service, so far as the same shall appear to this House to be just and reasonable.

And it is further Resolved, That if it shall appear that General Forbes has not paid all the Money that may be due for the Pay, Victualling, and Cloathing of the said Men, from the Time the Money, granted for that Purpose, was expended, till the Time they were taken into his Majesty's Service, that then this House will make a Provision for what further Sum may be due for the Pay, Victualling, and Cloathing of the said Men.

Resolved, That this House will, out of the first Supplies which shall be granted for his Majesty's Service, appropriate a Sum sufficient to Reimburse General Forbes what he may have advanced, or shall advance, for the Pay and Cloathing of the Troops formerly in the Pay of this Province, and by him taken into his Majesty's Service, from the Time those Troops entered into the said Service, to the End of the present Campaign.

On Motion, the Question was put, That the following Question be now put, viz. That the Money to be raised for the current Service of the Year, be raised by an equal Assessment on all Estates, Real and Personal and Lucrative Offices and Employments. Resolved in the Affirmative.