

U. H. J.
Liber No. 36
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Wednesday Morning 23^d November 1763.

This house met again according to Adjournment

Present as yesterday

The following Message with the Bill Entituled An Act for the Speedy payment of Such Persons as have been Ordered to March to the Western Frontiers of this Province for the defence thereof and of the Expences of Carriages and other Provisions for such Persons and of such as have been put to the Expences of Quartering of his Majesty's Regular Forces and other necessary Expences during the late War—and the Money Journal thus Subscribed

By the Upper House of Assembly 23.^d November 1763

Read the first time by Especial Order and will not pass

Signed p Order John Ross Clk. Up. Ho.

Gentlemen

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We have returned with our Negative the Bill Entituled An Act for the Speedy payment of such Persons as have been ordered to March to the Western Frontiers of this Province, for the Defence thereof, and of the Expences of Carriages and Provisions for such Persons, and of such as have been Put to the Expences of Quartering His Majesty's Regular Forces within this Province, and other necessary Expences during the late War, not because the Demands Proposed by the Bill to be Discharged, ought not to be Satisfied; but because They are upon the same footing with that of other Creditors, and should therefore be paid in the Same Manner

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By the Act Entituled "An Act for Ordering and regulating the Militia of this Province for the better Defence and security thereof, the Militia are to be paid in the Publick Levy, and We should not have the least Objection to their being Satisfied in this Manner, for We think, that their Obedience to the Orders issued by the Governor, in Consequence of the Authority with which he is invested by an Express Law, was prudent, and Commendable; but as other Publick Creditors are equally intituled to Satisfaction, and in the same manner, We cannot concur in a Measure Distinguishing their Cases

The Publick Debt is now Swelled to a great amount, and if you are of Opinion that the Discharge of the whole at this time would fall too heavy, we Should very willingly Embrace any expedient, conducive to the Ease of the Debtors, and therefore, if it is agreeable to You, We shall Consent that the Militia, and other Persons mentioned in the Bill We now return, and all other Creditors be at this time paid Except the Members of the Upper, and Lower Houses of Assembly for their Respective allowances, the Payment of which may