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representation, (unless we Misrepresent you by expressing ourselves in such a manner as implies an Opinion that you do your Duty: We are persuaded that our Conduct in retaining the Bill is Strictly defensible upon the Authority of the most reasonable Precedents, and tho it is not without some concern, that we Observe the querulous Disposition it has excited, yet we must take the Liberty at the same time to intimate, that the Priviledge we have Asserted (which you hardly attempt to impugn by your last Message), tho you Signify some dislike of it) We shall at all times for the future exercise when we shall think it expedient, without being deterred by the apprehension of injurious Imputations and groundless Reproaches, Our Right being Settled, the Indignity offered in proposing that a Copy of the Bill be delivered by our Clerk to yours for its Publication, will appear to be no more, than uncovering, and obviating your Pretence, and vindicating and preserving our Right.

Signed p Order John Ross Clk. Up.^r Ho.

The following Message is Sent By Benedict Calvert Esq.^r

By the Upper House of Assembly 26.th Nov.^r 1763

Gentlemen

You having thought proper to blend your own Conduct with that of former Assemblies, and to make their Resolves the Basis of your Proceedings, we are necessarily led to take notice of what they have done, in order to explain the views and motives by which the two Houses are influenced at this time when these are attended to, we Expect that the Expediency of what we Proposed in our Message of the 22.^d Instant will be Sufficiently evident—When the Ravages committed by the Savages on our Frontiers, and the distressed Situation of the Inhabitants of those Parts pointed out the necessity of an Armed Force to repel the Invaders, and Protect our fellow Subjects, and it was found that all the arguments of compassion, and Duty were in vain urged to your House, The Governor was put to the disagreeable necessity of Exercising his Authority over the Militia, and ordering them upon actual Service This step which the daily Murders, and depredations committed by the Enemy, and the inability of the Frontier People to Defend Themselves, renderd unavoidable, Your House thought fit to arraign, and censure, & that Power which y.^e Duty of the Governors Station constrained Him to exercise, great Pains were taken to represent as a wanton Oppression, and violation of the Laws with this Spirit, Resolves were passed and published & propagated, Resolves Calculated to Produce Disquiet in the minds of the People, & Shake their Obedience to Government, and in Proportion to these Effects, to expose Them to the merciless Rage of a Savage Enemy. Consistent with this view of weakening the Sanction of the Militia Law and palliating a Conduct in your Predecessors extremely reprehensible, when ever your House has thought proper,

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