

L. H. J.
Liber No. 52
Nov. 23

counts to the Visitors of the Several County Schools was Read the Second time and will pass and was Sent to the Upper House by M^r Magruder and M^r Beattys.

M^r Key brings in and delivers to M^r Speaker a bill Ent.^d An Act to Confirm a Lease made by Thomas Harrison of Baltimore County for part of a Lot of Land therein mentioned lying in Baltimore Town in said County to the Commissioners of the Said Town and their Successors and to establish a Market in the said Town and for the Regulation of said Market which was read the first time and Ordered to lye on the Table.

Daniel Dulany Esq^r from the Upper house delivers to M^r Speaker the following Message (Viz^t)

By the Upper House of Assembly 23^d Nov^r 1763

Gentlemen

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 Majestys 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 those of other Creditors, and should therefore be paid in the same manner.

By the Act intituled 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 precedent, 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 the Other Persons Mentioned in the Bill We now return, and all other Creditors be at this time paid, except the Members of the Upper & Lower Houses of Assembly for their respective allowances, the payment of which may be deferred to a Season more convenient to the good People of this Province.

Signed p Order, J. Ross, Cl. Up. Ho.