

The following Message (Viz^t)

By the Lower House of Assembly Nov.^r 25,th 1763.

L. H. J.
Liber No. 52
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May it please your Honours

We are very Sorry you Shou'd return with a Negative the Bill 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 the Necessary Expences during the late War.

We must beg leave to differ in Opinion with your Honours when you intimate these Claims are upon the Same footing with those of Other Creditors and should therefore be paid in the same manner, all these Claims are from persons that have Suffered great Hardships and Dangers for our Defence and Security, or such as have either had their property forced from them, or have, through necessity and to prevent greater Evils to themselves and many Others during the late War, advanced their own money several years past and are Only to be repaid for the real Value or principal so forced from them or advanced. Whereas most other Public Creditors lay out of profits expected from the Fees and Perquisites of Office or Rewards for Services performed in Ease and Safety and in this Light, the Persons who are the Objects of the present Bill have been distinguished in all our late Resolutions for Raising money to defray the Expences of the War. those People having been Constantly provided for by us, to be paid out of the first monies we shou'd raise, and we the more Wonder your Honours Should refuse the payment now proposed in the manner, especially when the money raised by the Over plus of the funds particularly Established to Support the expence of the War is by this Bill appropriated for that purpose, and when to the payment of those Claims have Constantly heretofore, as well as at the Opening of this Session been so warmly recommended by his Excellency the Governor

That every Creditor employed by the Public and who has served the Public, is intituled to Satisfaction We readily admit, and it is not our fault that they have not been long ago Satisfied, or that the Public debt is now Swelled to so great an Amount, But as to your proposal of paying of all other Public Creditors except the Members of the two Houses however just it may be with regard to your Honours who have so long defeated the passage of the Journal by an unreasonable Claim upon the Public, We cannot think that the Steady Opposition we have made against it should place us upon the same footing, nor shall we ever be induced to pay so poor a Compliment to our Service as to Consent to a measure which woud amount to an Implied acknowledgement that our Conduct ought to distinguish us from