

His Excellency the Governor communicated to M<sup>r</sup> Speaker the following Message (Viz<sup>t</sup>)

L. H. J.  
Liber No. 52  
Nov. 26

Gentlemen of the Lower House of Assembly

As I think it the Duty of every Person who by himself or his Friends applies for an Office to account for and pay as soon as possible the money he is thereby Authorized and Obligated to Collect for the Publick, I have Often given Orders for the prosecution of Defaulters & not long ago directed the Clerk of the Council to Signify to all Such Officers as were then in Arrear to the paper Currency Office that no Indulgence would be given then beyond the time when they Ought to Account, and you may depend that Compulsory methods shall be used with such as have not paid due regard to the Intimation given them, as it was found upon former prosecutions against Several of the Publick Debtors reported by the Committee whose Commissions were expired before my Arrival in the Province that they either did not owe the money they are respectively charged with or that it could not by any means be recovered it would be better I think to leave the names of those out of any future Report & let an Entry be made in the Office Books accordingly.

Hor.<sup>o</sup> Sharpe, the 26<sup>th</sup> Nov.<sup>r</sup> 1763

On Motion of Col.<sup>o</sup> Tilghman leave given to bring in an Address to the Governor in answer to his Message of the 19.<sup>th</sup> of Nov.<sup>r</sup> Instant recommending that provision be made for the protection of the ffrontiers. p. 224

Ordered that Col.<sup>o</sup> Tilghman M<sup>r</sup> Rnggold M<sup>r</sup> Murdock M<sup>r</sup> Johnson and M<sup>r</sup> Dulany do prepare and bring in the Same.

The following Message (Viz<sup>t</sup>)

By the Lower House of Assembly Nov<sup>r</sup> 26. 1763

May it please your Honours.

We cannot help expressing our real Concern and disappointment at your sending down the Bill making provision for the Defence and Security of the ffrontier Inhabitants against the Incursions of the Indians and for the better regulation of Ordinarys and Ordinary keepers within this Province with a Negative and the more as you not only make no Objections to the Military part of the bill but Tacitly approve the Regulation the men were put under and agree with us that number is adequate to the Service, by your proposal that different Monies Should be applied to the purposes intended by that bill.

As you have not explicitly pointed out the part of the Bill which occasioned your Negative, we cannot ascertain it but by deduction, and when we reflect on the State of the Funds Established by the fforty Thousand Pound Act of which you are doubtless well apprized by the Report of the Committee of both Houses Signed by One of your Members and find that there is already in the Iron Chest very