

for this purpose a Bill was prepared & sent to the upper House, under the Title of an Act for His Majesty's Service whereby the Sum of £3000 was to be granted for the Support of the neighbouring Colonies against any hostile Troops that shall attack or invade His Majesty's Territories on this Continent, amongst other means for repaying the said £3000 was inserted the old Clause respecting ^{Hawkers & Pedlars} from a Title of which as they were found resolutely determined not to recede, The Bill was returned after a few Conferences had between both Houses thereon with an absolute Negative & that I am afraid will be the Case, as often as I might be obliged to meet them on the same Occasions. I must attribute, in great measure the Obstinacy that has appeared in the Lower House of Assembly during these two last Conventions to the near approach of another Election which as I intimated in my Last has no little influence on the Conduct of such Representatives as for the most part compose our present Senate: as I have humbly submitted to his L^{ty} to consider whether it might be improper to put our Assembly on another Regulation, by lengthening the time of their Sessions, the proposal I hope will meet with your Approbation. — It is owing to Col^o Grepp's Absence from home among the Virginians on Ohio, that I am not yet able to comply with your Requisitions concerning the Latitude of the most northern Point of Potomack, I some weeks since writ two Letters desiring him to return me a Copy of his