

1739, Read the First Time, and Ordered to lie on the Table.

‘ Signed *per Order*, J. Ross, Cl. Up. Ho.

And thus, ‘ By the Upper House of Assembly, 6 June, 1739, Read the Second Time, and will Pass.

‘ Signed *per Order*, J. Ross, Cl. Up. Ho.

Which Bill was Read and Passed for Ingrossing.

The following Message :

By the Lower House of Assembly, June 6. 1739.

May it please your Honours,

THe Justice of our Proceedings in the Matter mentioned in our Message of the 4th Instant, we hope speaks it self, and the Observation you make with regard to your Arguments against passing the Bill for Support of Government, seems to us too ludicrous for a Subject of so great Importance, and calculated with the rest of your Message, rather to display a piece of Wit than to bring that Affair to an amicable Conclusion.

We cannot think his Lordship much obliged to you for your Opinion, that he has a Right to levy Money on us, merely because we had not shewn Reasons for denying it, even if that was the Case, we presume an indifferent Judge would expect him to show a Reason for doing it.

The Attack you suppose on the Government, in order to deprive them of a Support they are in Possession of, is of a Piece with the rest of your Message : If in a private Life, one Man violently took another's Money from him, the Party wronged would scarcely be called the Aggressor for endeavouring to recover it, or prevent his doing so again ; but perhaps in the Logick of an Upper House, as well as some where else, the Case of a Proprietary alters the nature of Things, and makes that Just in the Lord, which would be very Unlawful in the Tenant.

We are as little surprized at your Negative to the Bill for Payment of an Agent, as at your Happiness in finding so proper a Definition for a *Minister* : However, as you desire your Reason for not assenting, to be made Publick, we hope you'll not take it amiss, if we set it in it's proper Light, that so the meanest Capacity may be able to judge of it.

The People of *Maryland* think the Proprietary takes Money from them unlawfully.

The Proprietary says he has a Right to take that Money.

This Matter must be determined by his Majesty, who is indifferent to both.

The Proprietary is at home, and has this same Money to enable him to negotiate the Affair on his Part.

The People have no way of negotiating it on their Part, but by employing fit Persons in *London* to act for them, and these Persons must be paid