

Deserting the Service ; on which Certificate such Soldier is to give a Receipt to such Agent for the said Money : And which said *Five Pounds* is over and above the Arms, proper Cloathing, Pay, share of Booty, and being brought back (if desired) after the Service is over, which such Person may expect from his Majesty's Promise to that Purpose.

And as a farther Encouragement to such Soldiers, It is by the said Act provided, that any such Soldier returning into this Province after the said Service is over, and within Eighteen Months after his being discharged therefrom, and producing a Certificate of such Discharge, and of his good Behaviour during the Service, under the Hand and Seal of his Captain or Superior Officer, to the Justices of the next Court for the County where he shall incline to reside, shall for Seven Years next after such his Application to the Court as aforesaid, be Exempted from the Payment of any Publick, County or Parish Taxes or Levies whatsoever ; and also from any Service or Attendance relating to the High-ways within this Province.

Was Read and Approved.

The following Address to his Excellency was brought in, Read, Approved, and Ordered to be Ingrossed.

To his Excellency SAMUEL OGLE, Esq; Governor of Maryland :

The humble Address of the House of Delegates of the said Province.

May it please your Excellency,

WE return your Excellency hearty Thanks for your readiness in Passing the Bill for Encouragement of his Majesty's Levies into a Law, a Thing very agreeable to this House.

It gives us no small Concern, that after the most solemn Protections and Assurances we have given to the contrary, we should be by your Excellency suspected of an Intention to keep back the Bill for Arms and Ammunition, or to deprive the Province of a necessary Fund for its Support, when we can with Truth assure you, that there is not a Member in this House against that Bill.

It is very true that upon Intimation given us that the Upper House intended to alter the usual Duration of several Bills sent to them from this House, we resolv'd to keep in our Power that Bill for Arms, &c. in order, as your Excellency is pleas'd to express it, to make sure of those other Bills with their accustomed Duration, wherein the Interest of the Country and the Administration of Justice are so nearly concerned. And altho' this may look like a Restraint on that House, which they lay is inconsistent with their Privilege as a Branch of Legislature, it is not more than what they have done to our House in this and former Assemblies ; For in the very first Message sent us this Session, they tell us they would