

Publick as any others, we shall not make, what we apprehend to be, an unjust Difference between these and the other Publick Debts, and therefore return the Journal.

Signed per Order, J. Ro/s, Cl. Up. Ho.

Mr. Speaker communicated to the House a Message from the Governor,

*Viz,*

*Gentlemen of the Lower House of Assembly,*

**A**S I am informed Doubts have arisen, whether the Persons who have enter'd themselves as Soldiers for his Majesty's Service in the intended Expedition to the *West-Indies*, in pursuance of his Majesty's Instructions, and by Warrants Granted by me, can be entitled either to the Bounty Money of *Five Pound* allowed by the last Assembly, or to the Subsistence Money provided by the Act Passed this Session, before such Persons shall be Inlisted, Levied and Raised within this Province, and drawn together, by any Officer or Officers thereto duly Authorized by Commission from his Majesty, and as no Commissions have yet come to my Hands in order that such Officers may be Authorized, as the Act mentions, and as several Persons who have enter'd themselves as Soldiers are now in Town, and others daily expected, and applications have been made to me that they may be subsisted and maintained, I hope that if such Soldiers by the Words of the one Law cannot be Maintained, or by the Words of the other have the Benefit of the Bounty, that you will bring in a Bill to remove any such Doubts, which may otherwise discourage Men from Inlisting and impede his Majesty's Service.

SAM. OGLE.

*July 29. 1740.*

Ordered, That an Address to his Excellency be Prepared, in Answer to his Message.

An Address to his Excellency was brought in, Read and Approved, and Ordered to be Ingrossed, *viz.*

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,

**I**T is the Sense of this House that the Laws already Pass'd for his Majesty's Service, are sufficient for the forwarding and providing for the Levies, and as the Commissions may be daily expected, there needs no new directory Bill.

And altho' this Provision has been cheerfully made by this House, yet we are prevented from doing any thing for the Service of the Country: