

the same may hereafter appear; and you are to have a Copy of such Articles at large.

17. Ye are to inform yourselves in the best Manner, what the Value and the usual Presents, which are made on the Conclusion of Provincial Friendships, or Peace with the said Nations.

18. Ye are to act with Circumspection in this Matter, on Behalf of the People of *Maryland*, that they be not burthened with any unnecessary Charge, or other Demand hereafter; And that in this Negotiation ye do not exceed, in Presents to be made to the *Indians*, on the Part of the People of this Province, above the Value of Three Hundred Pounds Sterling.

19. Of all your Proceedings herein, ye are to keep an exact Journal, and the same report to the next Session of Assembly of this Province, after your Return.

Signed *per Order*, M. Macnemara, Cl. Lo. Ho.  
*The House adjourns until the Morrow-Morning at 9 of the Clock.*

*Thursday Morning, May 31, 1744.*

THE House met according to Adjournment, &c. All appeared as Yesterday, except Mr. Osborn Sprigg.

Mr. *Worthington*, from the Committee of Accounts, delivers Mr. Speaker the Journal of Accounts: Which was Read and Assented to, and sent to the Upper House by Mr. *Worthington*, and Col *Gale*.

Col. *King* delivers Mr. Speaker the following Report.

*By the Committee appointed to inspect into the Laws, relating to the Militia of this Province. May 31, 1744.*

YOUR Committee having considered the Laws abovementioned, from the Time the Government was in the Hands of the Crown, to this Day, Report as follows:

From the Year 1704 to the Year 1715, your Committee find but little Alteration, save that the last mentioned Act makes some further Provision: From the Year 1715 to the Year 1732, some further Provision was then made, and chiefly in the Act of 1732; upon which Laws your Committee makes the following Remarks.

1. That Notice given by an Officer under the Degree of a Captain, at the Head of his Company, is not available, for the Ends proposed by the Law as it now stands; which your Committee recommends to be done by the commanding Officer.

2. That a Summons by any Person capable to make Proof thereof, either by leaving a Note at the House of the Party, or otherwise, *Provided* such Notice be made appear, shall be good Evidence to convict for Non-Attendance; which by the Law as it now stands cannot be done.

3. That a Provision be made to enable the Constable of the Hundred for the Time being, by a Warrant under the Hands of any two Field Officers, to compel the Delinquent to appear, and answer the Complaint of his Officer or Officers; and on hearing and fully examining into the Offence, to give Judgment and issue Execution, if it be requisite; or otherwise to discharge the Party, as shall be most agreeable to the Laws now in Force, for the better regulating the Militia.

4. That the Field-Officers be obliged to hold a Court-Marshal, at least once in a Year, on a certain Day, at the Court-House of each County.

All which is humbly submitted to the Consideration of the Honourable House.

Signed *per Order*, Richard Burdus, Cl. Com.  
*The House adjourns until 2 of the Clock in the Afternoon.*