

in your Address; That they should use all imaginable Endeavours to prevent the *Indians* from insisting on a greater Sum than the People can well spare; and also, to avert the Consequences which you so justly apprehend from their Retaliation, if they should be disappointed.

As to what you mention of allowing the Commissioners their necessary travelling Charges only, I am concerned your Warmth has transported you into this unnecessary Declaration; since it may give Suspicion, you designed by the Sentinels and Means of the Allowance, to discourage a Treaty, and that you rather wished a War than a Peace with the *Indians*; but as your former Address not only allows a farther Sum, without Limitation, for the Expences and Charges of the said Commissioners, but Incites the Fund out of which it is to be paid, you must excuse me, if I think, this Counter Declaration cannot restrain or limit what was intended by your former Address: I may safely appeal to all the sensible and unprejudiced Part of Mankind, whether your attempting (as you do by your Address) to put those, who shall be empowered to treat with the *Indians*, under Difficulties; and your Backwardness in furnishing the Country with the Means of it's necessary Defence, can be reconciled to the great Professions you make of your Loyalty to his Majesty, and Regard to the Preservation of the People you represent.

I shall (as in my former Message) appoint such Commissioners, as I am confident will conform to my Directions only; and notwithstanding what you say, you are obliged to tell me to the contrary, I make not the least Doubt, but they will conclude their Negotiation, not only with Honour to themselves, but, as far as depends on them, with Advantage to the Province,

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*George Plater, Esq;* from the Upper House, delivers Mr. Speaker the following Paper-Bills, viz. *An Act appointing Commissioners for dividing St. Mary's County into four distinct Parishes, &c. An Act empowering Mary Stokes, Widow and Executrix of Humphrey Wells Stokes, &c. An Act to enable certain Commissioners therein named, to lay out Forty Acres of Land into high y Lots, &c. An Act to enable the Rector, Vestry men, and Church Wardens of St. James's Parish, &c. A Supplementary Act to the Act entituled, An Act for laying out and erecting a Town, at a Place called Long Point, &c. An Act for Punishment of Horse-Stealers, &c. An Act continuing an Act of Assembly of this Province entituled, A Supplementary Act to the Act entituled, An Act for the more effectual Punishment of Negroes, and other Slaves, &c. An Act to remedy some Defects in an Indenture of Bargain and Sale, &c. An Act for laying out the Town a new, commonly called Upper Marlborough Town, &c. An Act empowering the Vestry men, &c. of King George's Parish, &c. An Act for building a Prison in Worcester County; An Act continuing an Act of Assembly of this Province entituled, An Act for the more effectual Punishment of certain Offenders, &c. A Supplementary Act to an Act entituled, An Act for laying out and erecting a Town, &c. near a Place called the Garrison-Landing; An Act reviving an Act entituled, An Act for the Benefit of the Poor, &c. An Act to enable Samuel Wilson, Executor of Margaret Lindow, to convey certain Lands, &c. An Act empowering the Justices of Prince George's County, to levy on Queen Anne's Parish 200 l. &c. An Act to encourage the destroying Bears in Worcester County; An Act continuing an Act entituled, A Supplementary Act to*

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