

To the Honourable Speaker, - - - - - £. 2 00 0  
 To the Clerk, - - - - - 1 00 0

*An Act to enable Samuel Wilson, Executor of Margaret Lindow, to convey certain Lands to David Wilson,*

To the Honourable Speaker, - - - - - £. 1 00 0  
 To the Clerk, - - - - - 0 10 0

*An Act to remedy some Defects in an Indenture of Bargain and Sale made and executed by Michael Curtis and Sarah his Wife, late of St. Mary's County, deceased, and Charles Carroll, Esq; late of the City of Annapolis, deceased,*

To the Honourable Speaker, - - - - - £. 8 00 0  
 To the Clerk, - - - - - 4 00 0

Mr. Speaker communicated to the House the following Message from the Governor, *viz.*

*Gentlemen,*

**T**HAT you may be left without any Excuse, for want of proper Admonition, to provide for the Defence of your Country, in this critical and dangerous Juncture, I think proper to lay before you a Paragraph of a Letter from Mr. *John Galloway*, dated the 28th of last Month, from *Philadelphia*, in his own Words.

“ The Assembly of this Province. hath at this critical Time, thought proper to petition the Governor, to attend the Treaty with a Present of 300 *l.* to be laid out in Goods, in hopes thereby to improve the good Understanding that has always subsisted between this Province and the *Indians*, and prevent the *French* taking them off; which there is no Doubt made here, but they will attempt to do.”

As I am in hopes that the Example of a neighbouring Colony, who, from their Principles of Religion, have long persisted in refusing to provide for the Defence of their Country, and are now so thoroughly convinced of their Danger, that they appear to be actuated by the Principles of Self-Preservation, may have some Effect on you; but whether the Representatives of the People of *Maryland* will act upon the same Principles, or rather chuse to distinguish themselves from all the neighbouring Colonies, and indeed the rest of Mankind, by neglecting the necessary Means of their own Safety, I leave for the last Time to your Judgment and Consciences.

*T. BLADEN.*

On Consideration of the foregoing Message,

*Resolved,* That the same contains oblique and unkind Reflections on the Conduct of this House: Whereas for their own, and safety of their Constituents, they gave the last Sessions of Assembly, the Sum of 300 *l.* Sterling, for a Present to the Six Nations of *Indians*, which by the Treasurer's Accounts appears to have been issued for that Purpose: And also sent a Bill this Session, laying a Duty of 4 *d.* per Hoghead on Tobacco, for the Purchase of Arms and Ammunition for the Defence of this Province, which Bill was refused by the Upper House.

Mr. *Smith* delivers Mr. Speaker the following Report, *viz.*

*By the Committee appointed to inspect the Arms, Ammunition, and Accounts, &c. June 1, 1744.*

**Y**OUR Committee having examined and inspected the several Treasurers Accounts, of the 3 *d.* Sterling per Hoghead, do find the same as follows; *viz.*

Dr.