

"verments;" and I sincerely wish that all his Majesty's Subjects were equally solicitous for their own Defence and safety, as you, and those Gentlemen to be. As to your Observation that Mr. Shirley was not well advised of what the Lower House of Assembly "had done in favour of the Expedition to Cape Breton:" If you mean what was done in relation to a Supply for the Defence of the Garrison of *Louisburg*, after it was reduced to his Majesty's Obedience, I assure you, you are mistaken; and that instead of his not being well advised, He was fully acquainted with the Endeavours which were used on my Part with a late memorable House of Assembly, now no more, to obtain a Supply for the Defence of that important Acquisition, as well as the Measures that were taken by that House, who, under the strongest Professions of Duty, Loyalty, and Affection to our most gracious Sovereign, made use of every basefaced and dilatory Expedient, to prevent any Supplies from being given; especially by tacking to that Bill a Provision for raising a Sum of Money for Purposes quite foreign to that Service, and which they well knew had been frequently before disagreed to by the Upper House, and would not be passed by them: This Mr. Shirley was advised of, therefore that Express in his Letter, of our Assembly who had done so little, ought by any Advocates for that House & Assembly, if there can be Advocates for them, to be taken for a Compliment, since it supposes they did something, whereas, in Truth, they did nothing.

Nobody can wish more sincerely than I do, that the Expedition against *Canada* may be attended with Success; and altho' the Evil complained of by the Governors *Shirley* and *Clinton* may happen to be removed, that *Abany* and his Majesty's adjacent Territories should be defended, and the common Enemy annoyed, yet surely it would be good Policy, as it is the unquestionable Duty of every good Subject, to use all possible Means to strengthen his Majesty's Forces, and to weaken the Enemy: And would not the engaging the Six Nations of *Indians* to join heartily with us have these two Effects? If so, does it not necessarily follow, that sparing a little Money, which may probably be employed to very good Purposes on this important Occasion, is an ill-judged Instance of Frugality? Be pleased, Gentlemen, to consider, that much the greatest Part of Mankind are influenced by their Interest; that the *Indians* are necessitous, and (perhaps) mercenary; that the *French* are artful and industrious, and well acquainted with the Circumstances of the *Indians*, as well as know what Methods are most likely to prevail on them to take their Part; and that it cannot be supposed that they (the *French*) will spare any Cost or Pains, to gain such a considerable Accession of Strength to themselves: Should they succeed, as they certainly will, if we are not equally careful and industrious to prevent it, as they are and will be to attain it, I am sure nobody can tell what the Consequence may be to our neighbouring *Fl. w* Subjects, or our selves. My Duty obliges me to recommend these Things very earnestly to your most serious Consideration, as I think they merit your Attention.

I cannot help taking Notice of the Impropriety of your Expression, in confounding this present House of Assembly with that which was dissolved last Year.

T. BLADEN.

An Ingrossed Bill entituled, *An Act empowering the Justices of Talbot and St. Mary's County Courts to allow, at the laying their next County Levy, unto Jonas Green, of the City of Annapolis, Printer, the Sums therein mentioned*, was read and assented to, and sent to the Upper House, with the Paper Bill, by Mr. *Joseph Hall* and Mr. *Dennis*.

*The House adjourns 'til Tomorrow Morning 9 of the Clock.*

Friday Morning, July 4, 1746.

THE House met according to Adjournment, and the Proceedings of Yesterday were read.

Col. *Henry*, from the Committee appointed to inspect the Accounts and Proceedings of the Commissioners of the Paper-Currency Office, delivers Mr. Speaker the following Report; *viz.*

At a Committee of both Houses of Assembly, appointed to inspect the Office and Proceedings of the Commissioners for emitting Bills of Credit, established by Act of Assembly, and to report the State and Condition thereof, July 3, 1746;

WERE PRESENT

The Honourable *Richard Lee*, Esq; of the Upper House;

Col. *John Henry*,

Mr. *John Stoddert*;

Mr. *Edward Tighman*,

Mr. *Abraham Burnes*,

} Of the Lower House.

YOUR Committee find, that there is still due from several Sheriffs of this Province, on Account of the public Assessments, by Virtue of an Act of Assembly entituled, *An Act for issuing and paying out of the Office of the Commissioners or Trustees for emitting Bills of Credit, established by Act of Assembly, the Sum of 2562 l. 10 s. Current Money, in Bills of Credit, to be applied for the Encouragement of Persons voluntarily enlisting themselves in his Majesty's Service, the Sum of 400 l. 19 s. 9 d. 1 q.* And also the Sum of 1093 l. 15 s. 11 d. 2 q. for Ordinary License Fines, arising due by Virtue of an Act entituled, *An Act for raising and issuing Money for maintaining his Majesty's Forces to be raised within this Province, and for transporting them to the Place of Rendezvous in the West-Indies*; as by the respective Accounts, and List, hereunto annexed may appear.

*An Act*