

of King and Queen Parish in St. Mary's County, to sell a certain Tract of Land, &c. The Bill entituled, *An Act to enable the Justices of Kent County Court to levy a Quantity of Tobacco, &c.* The Bill entituled, *An Act impowering the Justices of Prince George's County to levy on the taxable Inhabitants of Queen Anne Parish in the said County, Fifty Pounds, &c.* The Bill entituled, *An Act to enable the Justices of Baltimore County Court to assess on the Taxables of St. George's Parish a Sum of Money, &c.* And the Bill entituled, *An Act impowering the Justices of Charles County Court to assess and levy a Quantity of Tobacco, &c.* Indorsed, "By the Upper House of Assembly, May 23, 1750: Read the second Time, and will pass." Which Bills were severally read here, and passed for Ingrossing. The Governor communicates to Mr. Speaker the following Message; viz.

Gentlemen of the Lower House of Assembly,

I Have received the inclosed Letter and Account from the Deputy Governor of the Massachusetts Bay, in relation to the Prisoners belonging to this Province, which were brought from Quebec to Boston; which I have thought proper to lay before you for your Consideration. S. A. M. OGLE.

S I R,

Boston.

I AM informed his Excellency Governor Shirley, had settled an Agreement with the Governor of Canada (so far as related to this Government), that the Charge of transporting English Prisoners should be defrayed by the English Governments, and the Charge of transporting French Prisoners by their Government; and that upon his Excellency's informing the Governors of the neighbouring Colonies, the most of them had signified their Approbation of this Method. I am likewise informed, that in the Year 1746, there were brought into this Province, in a Flag of Truce sent by the Governor of Canada, called the *Le Vierge de Grace*, a great Number of English Captives; some of them being Europeans, but the most of them belonging to the English Provinces and Colonies in America: And that about the same Time his Excellency had sent a Flag of Truce to Canada, with French Prisoners, at the Expence of this Government; and that his Excellency sent circular Letters to the Governors of the English Colonies aforementioned, with Lists of the several Prisoners belonging to their respective Governments; wherein he informed them, that as soon as the Accounts of the Charges of the Flags of Truce, and the Proportions of the several English Governments thereto, were adjusted, he would send them to the said Governors, that so they might reimburse the Governor of Canada what Charges he had been at, for transporting the English Prisoners belonging to their Government. Soon after this, the Court-House in Boston was burnt, and therein all the Papers relating to the fitting out the French Flag of Truce; which made it necessary that these Accounts should be had from Canada, in order to state the particular Part each of the English Governments ought to bear, to the Charge of transporting their Prisoners; and I find the said Accounts were sent here a little before Governor Shirley's Departure: And an Account has been stated between the said Governor Shirley and the Governor of Canada, and sent to Quebec, by a Person gone there for the Redemption of Captives; and the Governor of Canada has been assured, that all possible Care should be taken for recovering from each Government their Proportion of the Charge.

I shall now send your Honour a Copy of the Account, by which you will perceive, the Number of Persons belonging to your Government is Nine; and the Proportion of the Charge 319 l. 15 s. 4 d. which I must pray your Honour would cause to be paid into my Hands as soon as may be, and the same shall be remitted to the Governor of Canada: And I doubt not your more ready Compliance, when you consider, as appears by the Account, that this Province will be obliged to pay in Proportion beyond any other Government; as the greatest Part of the Charge of the Europeans, and other uncertain Persons, both in this Vessel, and another sent to Louisburg, will fall upon them. I am,

S I R,

Your Honour's most humble, and

Most obedient Servant,

S. PHIPPS.

THE Charge of the Ship *La Vierge de Grace* amounted, as appears by the Contract, to 10,000 Livres; each Livre being valued at ten Shillings of the Currency of New England, makes the Sum of 5000 l. The Proportion of each Concern, or Interest, in said 5000 l. is as follows.

59 Massachusetts Bay,	_____	}	2180	4	8
16 The same taken at Nova-Scotia,	_____				
29 New-York,	_____		843	0	5
6 New Hampshire,	_____		174	8	5
6 Pennsylvania,	_____		174	8	5
6 Rhode Island,	_____		174	8	5
2 Connecticut,	_____		58	2	9
2 New-Jersey,	_____		58	2	9
1 Bermuda,	_____		29	1	5
1 Shirley Galley,	_____		29	1	5
1 Annapolis Royal,	_____		29	1	5
9 Maryland,	_____		319	15	4
17 Europeans,	_____		494	2	8