

The Question was put, Whether Leave be given to bring in such Bill, or Not? *Resolved* in the Negative.

For the NEGATIVE,

Messrs	{	Hynson,	J. Mackall,	J. Goldsborough,	Tolley,	Casson,
		Wallis,	B. Mackall,	Edmondson,	Hyland,	Bracco,
		Hammond,	Stoddert,	Edge,	Ward,	Scarborough,
		Carroll,	Jordan,	Gray,	Frazer,	J. Henry,
		Hall,	Moore,	Travers,	Lloyd,	Evans.
		Reynolds,	Handy,	Paca,	E. Tilghman,	

For the AFFIRMATIVE,

Mess.	{	Reeder,	Baker,	Bordley,	Chapline,
		Gresham,	Murdock,	Dulany,	Beall,
		C. Goldsborough,	Hawkins,	Crabb,	Sprigg.

In Pursuance of the Order of the House, the following Bill is inserted in the Words following, *viz.*

*An Act for securing the Western Frontier of this Province against the Depredations of the French, and their Indian Allies; and also for paying and maintaining Couriers from Wills's-Creek to Annapolis, and back to Wills's-Creek.*

**W**HEREAS the French and their Indian Allies, have lately, in an hostile Manner, entered the Western Frontier of this Province, and sundry of his Majesty's Subjects have destroyed and murdered, and others have taken and carried into Captivity: For the Prevention thereof for the future,

*Be it Enacted, by the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary, by and with the Advice and Consent of his Lordship's Governor, and the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly, and the Authority of the same, That his Excellency the Governor, for the Time being, enlist, raise, or impress, a Number of able-bodied Men, not exceeding Eighty, including Officers, and appoint and commission such Officers to discipline and command them; and that he order and dispose the same for the Security of the Western Frontier of this Province, against the Insults, Murders, and Depredations of the French, and their Indian Allies, for and during such Time as to him shall seem necessary, not exceeding Four Months, in such Manner as to him shall seem meet. Provided, That no Freeholder or House-Keeper, within this Province, shall be impressed for the Service herein directed.*

*And whereas his Excellency the Governor has already appointed Stages, stationed Horses, and contracted with Couriers, for the Dispatch of Intelligence from Wills's-Creek to Annapolis, and back again to Wills's-Creek; a Measure so prudential in these Times of Danger, and so conducive to the Preservation of this Part of his Majesty's Dominions, and the Lives and Properties of his Majesty's Subjects, as to become highly proper to continue the same, for and during such Time as to him shall seem necessary, not exceeding four Months: For enabling therefore his Excellency the Governor, for the Time being, to pay, furnish, and maintain, such Officers and Soldiers and Couriers as aforesaid,*

*Be it further Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid, That it shall and may be lawful to and for the Commissioners or Trustees, for emitting the Bills of Credit, established by Act of Assembly of this Province, and they are hereby directed and required forthwith to emit and make current the Sum of Two Thousand Pounds, Part of the Four Thousand and Fifteen Pounds Six Shillings, now remaining in their Possession, and not already emitted and made current; and the said Sum of Two Thousand Pounds to pay to his Excellency the Governor, for the Time being, or to his Order, to be by him disposed of, and applied to and for the Uses and Purposes aforesaid.*

*And be it further Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid, That the aforesaid Sum of Two Thousand Pounds, and every Part thereof, so as aforesaid to be emitted, made current, and paid, shall pass current in all such Payments as (and shall be deemed and taken to all Intents and Purposes of equal Value with) any other Bills of Credit, of like Denomination, emitted and made current by any former Act of Assembly.*

**AND** for the Repayment and Replacing of the aforesaid Sum of Two Thousand Pounds into the said Loan-Office,