

that most of us being remote from the horrid Scene, our Repentment is not yet sufficiently raised at the audacious Conduct of those Blood-thirsty Barbarians, and that we continue cool and indifferent Spectators, of their more than inhuman Transactions, tho' flushed with Success, and triumphing at having lately depopulated and laid waste considerable Parts of three Provinces, they now insolently boast, that nothing less than our utter Extirpation shall appease their savage Fury; but we should be wanting in Gratitude to your Excellency, if we did not return you our hearty Thanks for the Confidence you are pleased to express, that such a Suspicion would be groundless and most unjust; and we cannot figure to ourselves any Thing that can at this Time divert us from making a Provision suitable to the Circumstances of the People we represent, against their Incurfions for the future, and for the Services recommended to our Consideration by your Excellency.

As we are convinced the Reasons that induced us to make an Act at our last Session, to prevent warlike Stores and Provisions being exported from this Province to our Enemies, still exist, we will, with all possible Dispatch, revive that Act: Your Excellency's Expedient for preventing ill-disposed Persons from taking Advantage of its Expiration, being a Transaction, we conceive, not warrantable by Law, we are sorry we cannot give it the Approbation your Excellency seems to desire; tho' at the same Time we are fully convinced it was the Effect of your earnest Intentions for promoting his Majesty's Service, and the Interest of the common Cause.

As the most natural Strength of every free Government (and on which we apprehend we must at this Season chiefly depend for our Security) consists in a well-armed and well-regulated Militia, a proper Law for that Purpose shall be one great Object of our Deliberations. And we take Leave to assure your Excellency, we entertain the most sanguine Hopes that the Unanimity and Dispatch, which will attend the Proceedings of the several Branches of the Legislature, at this Time of uncommon and imminent Danger, will clearly demonstrate to all the World how much they have at Heart the Honour of his most Sacred Majesty, and the Safety and Welfare of his *American* Dominions.

Which was read and assented to, and signed, by Order of the House, by the Honourable Speaker.

Ordered, That Major *Hall* and Col. *Tilghman* do acquaint his Excellency, That this House hath prepared an Address to be presented to him, and desires to know when and where he will please to receive it: They return and acquaint Mr. Speaker, That the Governor was pleased to signify he would be ready to receive the Address in the Conference Chamber immediately.

Ordered, That *Philip Hammond*, Esq; and Thirteen more, do present the Address to his Excellency.

On Motion, Leave given, to bring in a Bill to revive the Act entituled, *An Act to prevent the Exportation or Carrying out of this Province, Ammunition, Warlike Stores, or Provisions of any Kind, towards supplying the French, or their Allies.*

Ordered, That the Committee of Laws do prepare and bring in a Bill accordingly.

On Motion, Leave given, to bring in a Bill, *For Regulating and Arming the Militia of this Province.*

Ordered, That the Committee of Laws do prepare and bring in a Bill accordingly.

The House adjourns till the Morrow Morning at IX of the Clock.

THURSDAY MORNING, February 26, 1756.

THE House met according to Adjournment, &c.

Mr. *Charles Goldsborough* appeared in the House.

Mr. *Matthew Tilghman*, from the Committee of Laws, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a Bill entituled, *An Act reviving and continuing an Act entituled, An Act to prevent the Exportation or Carrying out of this Province, Ammunition, &c.* which was read the first and second Time by an especial Order, and will pass; and was sent to the Upper House by Mr. *Lloyd* and Mr. *Reynolds*.

On Motion, *Resolved*, That this House will Resolve itself (Afternoon) into a Committee of the whole House, to consider of Ways and Means to raise a Sum of Money towards his Majesty's Service.

The House adjourns till II of the Clock Afternoon.

Post-Meridiem. The House met according to Adjournment, &c.

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

“ Gentlemen of the Lower House of Assembly,

“ AS I conclude that your Conduct, during this Session, will correspond with, and be agreeable to, your Professions, your obliging Address gives me much Satisfaction; and makes me also enter-
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