

As we have good Reason, from the best Intelligence we can procure, to believe, that the Numbers of Men mentioned in your Excellency's Estimate, sent us with that Message, have not been raised, as in that Estimate it was supposed they would be, we make not the least Doubt but that the Bill, now under our Consideration, and nearly perfected, which will make ample Provision for every Service that can be reasonably required of us, will be enacted into a Law Time enough effectually to guard against every Danger, which appears at present to threaten us.

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

Ordered, That Mr. Lloyd and Capt. Stoddert 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 receive the Address immediately in the Conference Chamber.

Ordered, That Mr. Smallwood and Capt. Waggaman do present the Address to his Excellency.

The House adjourns till II of the Clock Afternoon.

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

Mr. Mills and Mr. John Reeder have Leave to go home.

His Excellency the Governor communicated to Mr. Speaker the following Message, viz.

" Gentlemen of the Lower House of Assembly,

" THE Inclosed, I hope, will convince you, that the 500*l.* some Time since granted for the Support of some Parties of Rangers, for the Protection of the Frontiers, is already expended; and as the Officers apply to me for more Money to subsist and pay their Men, who cannot, it seems, live on Expectations that some Provision will be hereafter made for them, I find myself under a Necessity of enforcing the Message that I sent you in the Morning, having not Money myself to support those Parties till the Supply Bill, that you say is under your Consideration, may be enacted into a Law.

" HOR^o. SHARPE.

" The Pay of Lieutenants <i>Shelby</i> and <i>Baker's</i> Parties to the 31 st of <i>March</i> , by their Letters and	} 125 7 0
" Returns sent me, must amount to, at least, _____	} _____
" Victualling the said Parties to the same Time, _____	} 68 8 8
" Forty Blankets sent to <i>Conococheague</i> for them, Carriage included, about _____	} 30 0 0
" The Pay of Capt. <i>Dagworthy's</i> Company, ordered to come down towards <i>Conococheague</i> , from	} 67 2 6
" the 10 th to the 31 st of <i>March</i> , _____	} _____
" The Pay of Lieutenant <i>Stoddert's</i> Party for the same Time, _____	} 14 3 6
" Victualling them for the same Time, _____	} 11 4 0
" Major <i>Prather</i> , in his Letter and Return, dated the 19 th of <i>March</i> , said he had then 40 Men,	} 46 0 0
" and expected to be joined by many more Recruits within a Day or two: The Pay of these	} _____
" Men to the 31 st , _____	} _____
" Expence of Victualling them will be about _____	} 30 0 0
" Forty Blankets sent Major <i>Prather</i> ; Carriage thereof, and of Arms and Ammunition to <i>Cono-</i>	} 36 0 0
" <i>cocheague</i> , about _____	} _____
" Several Expresses sent, the Expence whereof will be at least _____	} 8 0 0

" Expended already £. 436 5 0

" Capt. *Alexander Beall* said that he should, in Pursuance of my Orders, march to the Frontiers with a Party of near 40 Men on the 29th, or 30th of *March* at farthest; for the Payment and Subsistence of whom I have given my Letters of Credit and Word to see them satisfied, till they shall be discharged. Major *Prather* ordered three Companies of the Militia to join him on the 29th of *March*, in order to attack a large Body of *Indians* that had been discovered: These Companies he is to supply with Provisions, and draw on me for Payment. Contingent Expences, as Camp Kettles, Batt Horses, &c. It must be 5 or 6 Days before a Letter, forbidding Major *Prather*, or the other Officers, to draw any more Orders on me, can reach them."

On reading and considering his Excellency's Message of this Afternoon, the Question was put, Whether any further Grant shall be made, by Way of Ordinance, at this Time, for the Protection of the People upon the Borders to the Westward, or Not? Resolved in the Affirmative.