

“ We propose that instead of peremptorily directing that the Fort and Block-Houses shall be built on the Eastermost Side of the *North-Mountain*, it shall be left to the Governor to direct that they shall be built and constructed at such Place or Places as he shall think most proper for the Defence and Security of this Province: That, as the Bill does not oblige either of the Agents to attend the Troops as Commissary of Stores, or of the Musters, which is absolutely necessary, we conceive a Clause should be inserted to oblige one of them, or some other Person properly qualified, to attend the Troops, to receive, examine and deliver out Provisions, and also to take and return proper Muster-Rolls; and that, to assist him in the Performance of such Duty, the said Commissary should be allowed a Clerk or Deputy: That, as no Paymaster is appointed by the Bill, one of the Agents, or some other proper Person, should be appointed to that Office: That, instead of positively directing that all the Troops, which may be raised by Virtue of this Bill, shall be disbanded at all Events on the 25th of *December* next, we apprehend it should be left to the Governor, or Commander in Chief of those Troops, to keep them on Foot longer, if he shall judge proper, and the Situation of Affairs shall require it; and that if his Excellency, or Commander in Chief, shall find it expedient for the Security of the Province, or the more effectual Annoyance of the Enemy, that those Troops should be continued longer in the Service, that then the drafted Men out of the Militia only shall be disbanded and discharged, after the like Number of Men shall be drafted out of the Militia in each County, and sent to the Fort in such Manner as is beforementioned, in order to make up the Number so discharged and disbanded: But to disband the Forces at all Events, and not keep them in the Service upon any Pretence whatsoever after the 25th of *December* next, as this Bill proposes, we apprehend might be of the most dangerous Consequence to that Safety and Security of the Province that this Bill intends to preserve, and might render every Thing done in Consequence of the Powers and Authorities given in it absolutely ineffectual to the End proposed: That the Pay of the Officers, we think, should be regulated as near as may be to that of the neighbouring Colonies, to prevent Disputes and Uneasinesses among them, and therefore the Captain's Pay should be 12 s. 6 d. per Day, the Lieutenants 6 s. Ensigns 4 s. 8 d. Serjeants 1 s. 6 d. Corporals and Drummers 1 s. each, and each private Soldier 8 d. per Day; and that every Company should consist of a Captain, Lieutenant, Ensign, 3 Serjeants, 3 Corporals, 2 Drummers, and 50 private Men only, it having been found, by Experience, as we are informed, that, in so woody a Country, such a Number of Men cannot be duly commanded and kept to their Duty by a less Number of Officers: That, in the Fort, we think, there should be a Fort-Adjutant, Gunner, and Gun-Smith, the first to be allowed Lieutenant's Pay, and the Gunner and Gun-Smith 2 s. 6 d. per Day each: That we think a Surgeon, who shall be employed in the Service, ought to be a Man of Skill and Abilities in his Business, and therefore, as his Medicine Chest, Instruments, and Equipage, will, as we are informed, cost him Forty Pounds Sterling, it is not reasonable to give him less than that Sum, besides 10 s. per Day, and a Mate to attend and assist him; whereas, by this Bill, he is only allowed 6 s. per Day, and is to find his own Medicines and Instruments: That a Clause should be inserted to punish Mutiny and Desertion in the Soldiers, and inflicting a severe Penalty on such Persons as shall entertain Deserters: That the Clause in the Bill directing the Election of the Collectors of Excise by the Rectors, Vestrymen, and Church-Wardens, in each County, we conceive is an Infringement upon the Right of the Government to appoint Officers, and therefore we cannot agree to it: That the Tax upon Wine and Spirits now in Cellars, Vaults, &c. for private Consumption, we apprehend, is an unprecedented unheard-of Tax, and of dangerous Tendency under a *British* Constitution, and therefore we will not consent to it: We think the Exciseman, as his Trust is great, and may be under the Temptation of committing many Abuses of the Powers given him by the Bill, should give a Security in the Sum of Four Hundred Pounds at the least: That there is a perpetual Law against bringing into this Province, from *Pennsylvania* or the Territories thereto belonging, or from any other Province or Colony, in this Continent, any Horses, Mares, Colts, or Fillies, under Penalty of forfeiting the same; we think it will be necessary to add a Clause to that Part of the Bill laying a Duty on Horses brought into this Province for Sale, Repealing that Part of that perpetual Law relating to the bringing in Horses for Sale: That the Clause obliging the Rent-Roll-Keepers to make out and deliver Copies of his Lordship's Rent-Rolls, and directing his Lordship's Receivers of the Quit-Rents to collect the Land-Tax, we think should be drawn requesting the Favour of his Lordship to permit such his private Officers to execute those Parts of the Bill, and not positively obliging them to do what, in the Nature of their respective Offices, they ought not to do, without his Lordship's Consent and Approbation: That, in order to encourage Persons to enlist into the Service, we think it necessary that a Clause should be inserted in the Bill, that all Persons that shall be enlisted under the Act, or bear Arms during the Space of six Months, in Defence of the Country, shall

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