

The Commissioners of the Paper-Currency-Office are by this, as they were by the second Bill, to settle and adjust the Accounts of the Land-Tax-Collectors, in Case of a Disagreement between the Rent-Roll-Keeper and the said Collectors about the Settlement thereof.

We did presume that the exact Quantity of Acres, contained in his Lordship's Manors and Reserved Lands, was well known, and that his Lordship's Agent might, without Difficulty, give an Account thereof; but as you say 'tis impossible for him to do it, we did in our second Bill, and have in this, only obliged him to give an Account of the computed Quantities of such Manors and Reserved Lands.

The Duty on Convicts is in this Bill, and it was so in the second, excepted out of the Clause for Continuance of the several other Duties, as you propose, tho' we do not conceive the same contrary or repugnant to the Laws of England.

We have directed by this Bill, and the same was done by the second, a further Tax to be laid on Lands, to make up any Deficiency that may possibly (tho' contrary to our Expectations) happen, on the Funds appropriated to the replacing and bringing in the Sums of Money, granted by this Act, in Five Years, tho' we are not acquainted with any such Instruction from his Majesty, as you say this must be done in Obedience to. And now, *May it please your Honours*, we must conclude with assuring you, that we have made all the Amendments and Alterations we can agree to; insisting that our present Concession, in answering your several Objections to our Bill, shall not be drawn into Precedent, or any way construed as derogatory to our ancient and undoubted Rights, in Case of all Bills for Grant of Aids or Supplies, to direct, limit, and appoint, in such Bills, the Ends, Purposes, Considerations, Conditions, Limitations, and Qualifications, of such Grants, which ought not to be changed by the Upper House; and we sincerely hope, our earnest Desires to testify our Loyalty to the Best of Kings, on the present intended Expedition, will not be frustrated by your Honours. But, if we should unhappily be disappointed, we must comfort ourselves with the Consciousness of having done our Duty, in endeavouring, by every Method, consistent with Prudence, to avert the Ruin that threatens this unhappy Province.

Signed per Order, M. Macnemara, Cl. Lo. Ho.

The Question was put, Whether the said Message shall be sent to the Upper House, with the Bill entituled, *An Act for granting a Supply of Forty Thousand Pounds for his Majesty's Service, &c.* or Not? Resolved in the Negative.

For the NEGATIVE,

Messrs.	{	T. Reeder,	Hall,	Edge,	Dulany,	Crabb,
		Hynson,	Jordan,	Paca,	Casson,	Chapline,
		Williamson,	Jenifer,	Govane,	Bracco,	Beall.
		Wallis,	R. Henry,	Addison,	B. Handy,	

For the AFFIRMATIVE,

Messrs.	{	Hammond,	Reynolds,	Edmondson,	Frazer,	E. Tilghman,
		Gaffaway,	Stoddert,	Murdock,	Hawkins,	Lloyd.
		Carroll,	M. Tilghman,			

The Bill entituled, *An Act to repeal all Laws heretofore made for the Destruction of Crows and Squirrels, &c.* was read the second Time, and the Question was put, Whether the said Bill shall pass, or Not? Resolved in the Negative.

The House adjourns until the Morrow Morning at VIII of the Clock.

THURSDAY MORNING, April 29, 1756.

THE House met according to Adjournment: All the Members appeared as Yesterday, except Mr. Earle and Major Hall.

Mr. Ward appeared in the House.

Col. Tasker, from the Upper House, delivers to Mr. Speaker the Bill entituled, *An Act for granting a Supply of Forty Thousand Pounds for his Majesty's Service, &c.* indorsed, "By the Upper House of Assembly, April 29, 1756. Read the second Time, and will not pass."

"Signed per Order, J. Ross, Cl. Up. Ho."

And the following Message, viz.

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"By