

THURSDAY MORNING, September 16, 1756.

THE House met according to Adjournment, &c.

Mr. Earle and Mr. Ward appeared in the House.

On Motion, *Resolved*, That this House will (Afternoon) take into Consideration the several Matters contained in his Excellency's Speech.

On Motion, the House appointed Mr. Walter Dulany, Mr. Earle, Mr. Edge, Mr. Beall, Mr. Williamson, Mr. Bracco, and Mr. John Handy, a Committee to inspect the Accounts and Proceedings of the Commissioners and Trustees for emitting Bills of Credit, established by Act of Assembly; and *Ordered*, That they do Report the same to this House.

The following Message, *viz.*

By the Lower House of Assembly, September 16, 1756.

May it please your Honours,

THIS House hath appointed Mr. Walter Dulany, Mr. Earle, Mr. Edge, Mr. Beall, Mr. Williamson, Mr. Bracco, and Mr. John Handy, a Committee from this House, to inspect the Accounts and Proceedings of the Commissioners or Trustees for emitting Bills of Credit, established by Act of Assembly; and desire your Honours to appoint one or more Members of your House to join in the said Committee.

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

Was sent to the Upper House by Mr. Williamson and Mr. Beall.

Col. John Henry is added to the Committee, appointed to inspect the Accounts and Proceedings of the Commissioners or Trustees, for emitting Bills of Credit, &c.

His Excellency communicated to Mr. Speaker, the following Answer to the Address of this House, *viz.*

Gentlemen of the Lower House of Assembly,

IT gives me Pleasure to find by your obliging Address, that your Zeal to promote his Majesty's Service, makes you cheerfully submit to the Inconvenience of leaving your Families at this Season: I am glad it is in your own Power to lessen that Inconvenience in some Measure; and doubt not but you will do so, by coming to a speedy Determination on the Matters that have been recommended to your Consideration.

HOR<sup>o</sup>. SHARPE.

And the following Papers, *viz.*

SIR,

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IN Consequence of some Advices that I have just received from Albany, and of a Letter that has been sent me Express by Lord Loudoun, I must desire you to endeavour to enlist for his Lordship as many Volunteers as you possibly can, and to give Instructions to all the Officers under your Command, to exert themselves and assist you to the utmost of their Ability.

You will also send a Copy of this Letter to the Clerk of your County, to be laid before the Magistrates and all Civil Officers, who are earnestly desired to contribute, to the utmost of their Power, towards raising Levies in your County for his Majesty's Service. I have inclosed you some Recruiting Instructions for your better Guidance; and as the Bounty-Money is considerable, I think you may be able to purchase many Servants, whose Term of Service is nearly expired.

It would be unnecessary, I hope, to urge many Reasons to incite you to comply with my Request, and manifest your Loyalty, as well as your Regard, for the Safety of your Country at this critical Juncture: But this, you and the Officers under your Command, may be assured of, that you nor they can, by any other Means, so effectually promote his Majesty's Service, and the Welfare of these Colonies, nor do any Services which would be more acceptable to Lord Loudoun, or myself. You may depend, that whatever you expend in Consequence of this Letter, and agreeable to the inclosed Instructions, shall be honourably repaid, and I hereby make myself answerable for the Sums that you shall so advance: But I hope you will proceed as frugally as possible, and let all your own, and your Officers Recruiting Accounts, be methodically kept, and sent properly signed to me, with the Levies from your County, at the End of Three Weeks from the Date hereof. The Recruits, as they are raised, are to be Billeted on any of the Ordinaries, at the Rate of a Shilling Currency a Day for the Diet and Lodging of each Man, unless by any Method you can get them Victualled and Lodged at a cheaper Rate. I heartily wish you Success; and am, SIR,

Your most humble Servant,

HOR<sup>o</sup>. SHARPE.

Annapolis, August 31, 1756.

To Colonel \_\_\_\_\_,

Commander in Chief of the Militia of \_\_\_\_\_ County.

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