

Accounts as you may have transmitted in Obedience to the Letter from his Majesty's Secretary of State, dated the 13th Day of March, 1756, by your Excellency communicated to us, of the State and Quantity of Cannon, Small Arms, Ammunition, and other Ordnance and Military Stores, belonging to this Colony, either in the Public Magazines, or in Possession of the Militia, or other private Persons, together with the true State of all Places already Fortified, or Copies of whatever Accounts your Excellency may have received from the Militia Officers, that may give us any Information of the Circumstances of this Province as to those Particulars, as they will conduce much to the Dispatch of the important Business now before us.

Which was Read and Assented to, and Signed, by Order of the House, by the Honourable Speaker.

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Mills* and Mr. *Hicks* 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 his Excellency was pleased to signify he would be ready to receive the Address immediately in the Conference Chamber.

*Ordered*, That Mr. *John Goldborough*, with Three more, do present the Address to his Excellency.

*Daniel Dulany*, Esq; a Delegate of the Citizens of *Annapolis*, returned to serve in this present General Assembly, appeared in the House.

*Ordered*, That Capt. *Gasparway* and Capt. *Wartbington* do go with Mr. *Dulany* to the Upper House to see him qualified. They return and acquaint Mr. Speaker they saw Mr. *Dulany* qualified in the usual Manner.

The Gentleman took his Seat in the House.

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

THURSDAY MORNING, September 23, 1756.

THE House met according to Adjournment, &c.

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

"Gentlemen of the Lower House of Assembly,

"IN Compliance with your Request, I herewith send you an Extract of the Letter that has been transmitted in Obedience to that from the Secretary of State. I find, on Enquiry, and by some Returns from Officers of the Militia, that a considerable Number of public Arms is lodged in the Court-Houses, or in the Hands of private Persons, in several of the Counties; most of these are much out of Repair, and many of them of little Value. Had all the Commanders of the Militia made due and regular Returns, I would lay them before you; but I am persuaded, that what I have received would little conduce to the Dispatch of the Business that has been recommended to your Consideration.

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

"September 23, 1756.

Mr. *Lloyd*, from the Committee appointed, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker the following Report, *viz.*

By the Committee, appointed by the Honourable the Lower House of Assembly to examine into the Accounts of the Agents appointed for executing Part of an Act of Assembly, entituled, An Act for granting a Supply of Forty Thousand Pounds for his Majesty's Service, and striking Thirty-four Thousand and Fifteen Pounds Six Shillings thereof in Bills of Credit, and raising a Fund for sinking the same. September 23, 1756.

YOUR Committee having examined the several Accounts and Vouchers, produced to them by the said Agents, do find, That they have received, by Order of his Excellency the Governor, at sundry Times, Sums of Money amounting in the whole to 6600 l. 17 s. Part of which Sum appears to your Committee to have been, by the said Agents, paid and expended in Manner following.

To <i>Michael Vantuykart</i> , Lieutenant of Capt. <i>Beall's</i> Company, for his Charge of Enlisting Men,	}	£. 43	2	6
To <i>John Kidd</i> , Ensign to Capt. <i>Dagworthy</i> , for Enlisting Two Men,			2	5
To sundry Persons, for Medicines, Liquors, Working Tools, and Kitchen Utensils of all Sorts, Nails, and other Iron Ware, Provisions of all Sorts, Wages to Carpenters, Masons, Miners, and Labourers, together with Cart and Waggon Hire, including the Sum of 250 l. paid for the Purchase of the Land whereon the Fort is Erecting,	}	1711	8	2 $\frac{1}{4}$
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