

“Governors who subscribed those Minutes, have it in Command from his Majesty to use their utmost Diligence and Authority in procuring an exact Observance of such Orders as shall be issued from Time to Time by the Commander in Chief, for Quartering the Troops, Impressing Carriages, and Providing all Necessaries, for such Forces as shall arrive in, or be raised within, their respective Governments. In a former Session, I recommended it to you to Regulate the Hire of Waggon, that in Case his Majesty’s Service should make it necessary to Impress any within this Government, the People may be obliged to furnish them at reasonable Rates; and since the Bill, which you Framed agreeable to my Recommendation, was passed, I have not heard that any Persons complained of the Regulation then made; but if you doubt whether the Rates are sufficiently established, you may prepare another Bill for that Purpose: And as his Majesty’s Troops, that may be Ordered to this Province, must be furnished with Quarters, it will be well to prevent any Disputes arising between the Inhabitants and Soldiers on such Occasions, by making an Act for Billetting and Quartering the latter in this Province, as they are in some of the neighbouring Governments.

“April 16, 1757.

HOR^o. SHARPE.”

On Motion (the Order of the Day being Read) the House Resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, to consider further of the Subject-Matter, contained in the Minutes of the Meeting held at Philadelphia, Referred to in his Excellency’s Speech.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Speaker re-assumed the Chair.

Mr. Lloyd, Chairman of the Committee of the whole House, delivers to Mr. Speaker the following Report, viz.

By a COMMITTEE of the whole HOUSE, April 16, 1757.

RESOLVED, That a Number not exceeding 500 Men (including Officers, and those already Raised) be kept in Pay, for his Majesty’s Service, and for the more immediate Protection and Defence of this Province.

RESOLVED, That the Sum of 7469*l.* 17*s.* 4*d.* granted by 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, for carrying on an Expedition to the Westward, and the Sum of 3000*l.* by the said Act granted for engaging the Assistance, and cultivating the Friendship of the Southern Tribes of Indians, or such Part thereof as remain unexpended, be now applied to the Raising, Subsisting, and Defraying, all Charges and Expences attending the Support of 500 Men (Officers included) and including such Men as have been heretofore Raised for the Defence and Security of this Province, to act in Conjunction with his Majesty’s Forces, for his Majesty’s Service, for the more immediate Protection and Defence of this Province, always leaving at Fort Frederick a sufficient Number of Men to Guard and Protect the Frontier Inhabitants of this Province.

On Reading the said Report, the House concurs therewith.

On Motion, That a Bill be brought in to Raise and Apply a Sum of Money, for the Raising and Subsisting 500 Men (Officers included) for his Majesty’s Service: Ordered, That Col. Tilghman, Mr. Hammond, Mr. Matthew Tilghman, Mr. Murdock, and Mr. Carroll, do prepare and bring in the same.

Ordered, That the Agents appointed by the Act for granting a Supply of Forty Thousand Pounds for his Majesty’s Service, &c. do immediately lay their Accounts before this House.

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

MONDAY MORNING, April 18, 1757.

THE House met according to Adjournment: The Members were called, and all appeared as on Saturday, except Capt. Smith and Mr. Worthington.

The House adjourns until II of the Clock Afternoon.

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

Mr. Williamson is added to the Committee for Inspecting the Accounts and Proceedings of the Paper Currency Office.

Col. Henry brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker, a Bill, entituled, *An Act for Relief of sundry Inhabitants of Allhallows Parish, in Worcester County*; which was Read the first and second Time by an especial Order, and will Pass.