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 Votes and Proceedings, April, 1757.

“ GENTLEMEN of the Lower House of ASSEMBLY,

“ IT having been Represented to me by Capt. *Joshua Beall*, and the Officers under his Command, that they have been put to a considerable Expence by Raising a Company of Soldiers, for the Defence of the Frontiers of this Province, in Pursuance of an Act of Assembly, made at our last Session; and particularly that the Captain has been obliged to pay the Sum of Twenty-six Pounds Sixteen Shillings and Six Pence for the Diet and Lodging of his Recruits, before they could join the Garrison of Fort *Frederick*, (being obliged by Law to pay the Ordinary-Keepers after the Rate of a Shilling a Day for each Soldier, while the Agents thought themselves restrained by the same Act from allowing him more than Nine Pence a Day for that Purpose) I think it incumbent on me to Represent his Case to you, and to make Application to you on his Behalf. I also take the Liberty to remind you of that Account of Mr. *Middleton's*, for bringing some Neutrals from *Annapolis* to this Place, which I laid before you the 16th *March*, 1756: My Disbursements for that and some other Services done by my Order for the Public, together with the Expences occasioned by my Journey to the Frontiers last Summer, and those that I have been under a Necessity of taking to the Northward, amount to a very considerable Sum. I decline sending you any Accounts; but if, on considering this Message, you Resolve to Reimburse me, any Accounts that you may desire, shall be laid before you.

HOR<sup>o</sup>. SHARPE.”

“ April 29, 1757.

Which was Read, and Ordered to lie on the Table.

Col. *Tilghman* brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker, the Bill, entituled, *An Act for the Relief of sundry Inhabitants of this Province, who have had their Servants Enlisted into his Majesty's Service*; which had been committed for Amendments, and, with the Amendments, was Read the second Time: And the Question was put, Whether the said Bill shall Pass, or Not? Resolved in the Affirmative.

For the AFFIRMATIVE,

Messrs	{	Hynson,	M. Tilghman,	Govane,	Beall,	E. Tilghman,
		Williamson,	Henry,	Hyland,	Frazer,	Casson,
		Wallis,	Paca,	Earle,	Gantt,	Bracco,
		Carroll,	Tolley,	Murdock,	Lloyd,	Sprigg.
		Dennis,				

For the NEGATIVE,

Messrs	{	Reeder,	Gassaway,	J. J. Mackall,	Goldborough,	Gray,
		Hammond,	Worthington,	Jenifer,	Edmondson,	Scarborough.

Which Bill was accordingly Indorsed, “ Read the second Time, and will Pass;” and was sent to the Upper House by Mr. *Sprigg* and Mr. *Casson*.

*Benedict Calvert*, Esq; from the Upper House, delivers to Mr. Speaker, the Petitions of sundry languishing Prisoners in the several County Goals in this Province; all which were Indorsed “ By the Upper House of Assembly, 29th April, 1757. Read and Referred to the Consideration of the Lower House of Assembly;” which Petitions were severally Read here, and Granted.

Ordered, That Mr. *Lloyd*, Col. *Henry*, and Mr. *Bracco*, do prepare and bring in a Bill For the Relief of sundry languishing Prisoners for Debt, in the several County Goals, therein to be mentioned.

On Motion, Ordered, That the Bill, entituled, *An Act for his Majesty's Service, and the more immediate Defence and Security of this Province*, which was prepared by this House, and sent to the Upper House; also the Amendments proposed by the Upper House to the said Bill, and the Message sent from the Upper House in Answer thereto, and the Resolution of this House thereupon, be Printed altogether.

The House adjourns until II of the Clock Afternoon.

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

On Reading the Governor's Message of this Day, Ordered, That an Address be prepared to his Excellency, in Answer thereto. And that Col. *Tilghman*, Mr. *Murdock*, and Mr. *Matthew Tilghman*, do prepare and bring in an Address accordingly.

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

SATURDAY