

“ and *Bairford*, having been commenced before the other Two were appointed, and long before my Arrival in this Province) has told me, that as *he can make it appear, that the Money in Question was never paid into the Office, he has appealed from the Judgments*; but I will, on my Return to *Annapolis*, examine into the Affair, and give such Orders as shall be agreeable to Law and Justice. I was lead, by the Extract from the Report beforementioned, to think, that the Lord Proprietary's Agent had neglected to pay the Tax imposed on his Lordship's Manors, Leased, Reserved, and Demised Lands; but on Enquiry I find, that the Collectors have really been paid for such Lands, and that such of them as have settled with the Commissioners of the Loan Office, have accounted with them for the same: And I am also informed, that an Entry to that Effect was made by the Committee in the Report that was returned to the Upper House. I shall, as you desire, enquire into the Truth of the Information that has been given you, concerning *Tur- nor Wootton's Bond*. And if all the Officers, who are appointed to collect and receive the Taxes and Duties, imposed by the Acts of Assembly, which have been lately made in this Province, for his Majesty's Service, do not render Accounts, and make due Payments, as soon as the Cause that has occasioned our Meeting at this Place, and deterred them from coming to *Annapolis*, is removed, they may depend on being Prosecuted; and you may rest assured, that I shall never countenance any Officer who does not diligently and faithfully discharge his Duty.

“ May 7th, 1757.

HOR^o. SHARPE.”

The House adjourns until II of the Clock Afternoon.

Post Meritum. The House met according to Adjournment, &c.

On Motion, That the Examination of the Books and Accounts of the Agents, appointed by the Act for Raising 40,000 l. &c. for his Majesty's Service, &c. be Referred to the next Session of Assembly:

Resolved, That the same be Referred for Examination next Session of Assembly.

Benedict Calvert, Esq; from the Upper House, delivers to Mr. Speaker, the Bill, entituled, *An Act for the speedy Payment of sundry Persons therein mentioned*; Indorsed, “ By the Upper House of Assembly, May 7th, 1757. Read the second Time, and will Pass.

“ Signed per Order.

J. Ross, Cl. Up. Ho.”

And the Bill, entituled, *An Act to prevent the Exportation or Carrying out of this Province, Ammunition, &c. towards assisting the French, or their Allies*; Indorsed, “ By the Upper House of Assembly, 7th May, 1757. Read the second Time, and will Pass, the Proviso in the last Page of the Bill being left out.

“ Signed per Order.

J. Ross, Cl. Up. Ho.”

Which Bills were severally Read here, and Passed for Ingrossing.

The Governor communicates to Mr. Speaker the following Message, *viz.*

“ GENTLEMEN of the Lower House of ASSEMBLY,

“ I AM glad you approve of my Proposal, to send a Present to the *Cherokee Indians*, who are now on our Frontier, and that you have Impowered me to draw on one of the Treasurers for the Sum of One Hundred Pounds, which you think sufficient for that Purpose. As I would always Wish to give such Orders as should meet with your Approbation, I must desire you to let me know after what Manner you would have the *Indians*, that may hereafter Declare in our Favour, and come to, or pass through, this Province, Treated, with Regard to Provisions and other Necessaries; and as it is confessedly a Point of the highest Importance to the *British* Interest in general, as well as to the more immediate Security of our Frontier Inhabitants, to cultivate the Inclination some of the Southern *Indians* have now shewn for our Friendship, I should be glad if the Agents were Impowered to pay for every Contingency of that Sort: This Matter being, in my Opinion, of too much Consequence to be left to the Management of any private Persons, who are not well known to all the Branches of the Legislature.

HOR^o. SHARPE.”

“ May 7th, 1757.

On Reading the said Message, *Ordered*, That an Address be prepared to his Excellency in Answer thereto; and that *Col. Tilghman*, *Mr. Hammond*, and *Mr. Matthew Tilghman*, do prepare and bring in the same. The Governor communicates to Mr. Speaker, the following Message, *viz.*

“ GENTLEMEN of the Lower House of ASSEMBLY,

“ AS I observe that the Word *Frontier* frequently occurs in the Bill, entituled, *An Act for his Majesty's Service, and the more immediate Defence and Protection of the Frontier Inhabitants of this Province*, which has been Framed by you this Session, and having received the Concurrence of the Upper House,

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