

Which Report was Read, and the House concurs therewith.

Col. Robert Jenckins Henry, from the Upper House, delivers to Mr. Speaker, the Petition of *William Hildebrand*, of *Baltimore County*; and the Petition of the Rector, Vestrymen, Church-Wardens, and Inhabitants, of *St. George's Parish* in *Baltimore County*; severally Indorsed, "By the Upper House of Assembly, Referred to the Consideration of the Lower House of Assembly."

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

F R I D A Y, October 21, 1757.

THE House met according to Adjournment: The Members were called, and all appeared as Yesterday, except Mr. *Bater* and Mr. *Gassaway*. The Proceedings were Read.

Mr. *Ward* and Mr. *Rafin* appeared in the House.

Major *Hyland*, Major *Handy*, Mr. *Benjamin Mackall*, and Mr. *Govane*, have Leave to go home.

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

"GENTLEMEN of the Lower House of ASSEMBLY,

"I KNOW not how great your Surprize may be at my recommending it to the Agents to send a fresh Supply of Provisions to the Troops at *Fort Cumberland*; but I assure you mine would have been very great if they had urged any Thing but the Want of Money in Excuse for not having immediately complied with my Request. The Agents Accounts will, I suppose, shew you, that they have hitherto furnished those Troops with Provisions; and they will, I presume, if called upon, inform you, that they have been well advised the Law made it their Duty to supply them so long as any of the Money, which was appropriated by the Act passed last Session, remained unexpended.

"I am very sorry you should question the Earl of *Loudoun's* Authority to place in *Fort Cumberland* any of the Men that were raised here, in Consequence of his Requisition: I am satisfied that his Lordship was by his Majesty's Commission, as well as by our Act of Assembly, impowered to do so; and however it may become you, I do not think it was my Duty to declare, that they should not be employed in such a Manner as the Commander in Chief of all his Majesty's Forces in *America* thought most conducive to his Majesty's Service. As it is notorious that while Numbers of People have been cut off in the Two Neighbouring Provinces, we have only lost Two or Three Persons at most, exclusive of Soldiers, and their Attendants, and that our People owe their Preservation in great Measure to the Disposition that the Earl of *Loudoun* was pleased to make of our Forces, I am surprized at your saying that for Want of their Service, the Frontier Inhabitants have been exposed to the Incursions of their cruel and savage Enemies: But if you complain so grievously of the Earl of *Loudoun's* having ordered a Part of our Troops to Garrison a Fort within the Province, What Answer might his Lordship have expected, if, when he gave Orders for some of the Troops that were raised in *North-Carolina*, *Virginia*, and *Pennsylvania*, to embark for *South-Carolina*, he had required us likewise to send a Company or Two thither?

"As I persuade myself, Gentlemen, that you would not choose to distinguish yourselves by obstructing the Measures, that the General whom his Majesty has intrusted with the Command of all his Forces in *America* thinks it for his Majesty's Service to pursue, I hope you will not oblige the Troops that are now at *Fort Cumberland*, to abandon it, with all its Artillery and Stores, to his Majesty's Enemies: And as you alone will be answerable for the Consequences, I once more recommend it to you to make immediate Provision for the Support of that Garrison, as well as for the Support of the Troops that remain at *Fort Mifflin*, and that are, agreeable to the Directions of our Act of Assembly, kept Ranging at a small Distance beyond the Frontier Settlements.

21st of October, 1757.

"H O R °. S H A R P E."

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

On Motion, the Question was put, Whether a Sum of Money be raised by an equal Assessment on Real and Personal Estates within this Province, and on all Lucrative Offices and Employments, to be appropriated for a Supply for his Majesty's Service, or Not? Resolved in the Affirmative.

For the A F F I R M A T I V E,

Messieurs	{	Williamson,	Reynolds,	Edmondson,	Hyland,	Lloyd,
		Hynsen,	E. Gantt,	Gray,	Ward,	E. Tilghman,
		Rafin,	Lee,	Sullivan,	Woodward,	Bracco,
		Tilden,	Dent,	Govane,	Murdock,	Sudler,
		Hammond,	Loves,	J. H. Dorsey,	Frazer,	Chapline,
		Carroll,	Wilson,	Cockey Deye,	T. Gantt,	E. Dorsey,
		Worthington,	Goldborough,	Owings,	King,	Beatty.
		J. J. Mackall,	M. Tilghman,			

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