

Mr. Ward appeared in the House.

On Reading the Second Time, the Bill, entituled, *An Act for Reducing the Allowances of the Members of the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly*, the Question was put, That Amendments be made to the said Bill? Resolved in the Affirmative.

• For the AFFIRMATIVE,

Messieurs	{	Plater,	J. J. Mackall,	Wilson,	Baker,	Bracco,
		Sothoron,	B. Mackall,	M. Tilghman,	Murdock,	Sudler,
		Williamson,	Reynolds,	Edmondson,	Frazer,	Scarborough,
		Hynson,	E. Gantt,	Sulivane,	T. Gantt,	Chapline,
		Tilden,	Hanson,	Govane,	King,	E. Dorsey,
		Hammond,	Lee,	Cockey Deye,	Lloyd,	Beatty,
		Gassaway,	Dent,	Owings,	E. Tilghman,	Harris.
		Worthington,	Stoddert,	Earle,		

For the NEGATIVE,

Mess.	{	Key,	Waggaman,	Lecompte,	Woodward,	Henry.
		Carroll,				

On Resolution of the foregoing Question, Ordered, That Proposals for Amendments to the said Bill be drawn up, and that Col. *Tilghman*, Mr. *Hammond*, Mr. *E. Dorsey*, and Mr. *Matthew Tilghman*, do prepare and bring in the same.

The Bill, entituled, *An Act for making Valid the Proceedings of the Session of Assembly lately held at Baltimore Town*, was sent to the Upper House by Mr. *Edmondson* and Mr. *Thomas Gantt*.

The House adjourns until II of the Clock Afternoon.

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

Mr. *J. H. Dorsey* appeared in the House.

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

GENTLEMEN of the Lower House of ASSEMBLY,

IN Answer to your Message of Yesterday, wherein you are pleased to say, that you "looked upon the Cultivating the Friendship of the Southern Tribes of *Indians*, engaging their Assistance against his Majesty's Enemies, and Establishing them in the *British* Interest, as a Matter of very great Importance, both to the Common Cause, and the immediate Security of our Frontier Inhabitants, and that you therefore did, in a Bill for his Majesty's Service and our own Security, some Time since offered to the Upper House, direct, that the Sum of 2000*l.* should be laid out by the Agents by that Bill nominated, in such Goods as might be thought most acceptable to those *Indians*," I must take the Liberty to remind you, that by an Act of Assembly, which was made at a Session held here in *February 1756*, entituled, *An Act for Granting a Supply of 40000*l.* for his Majesty's Service*, the Sum of 3000*l.* was appropriated towards engaging the Assistance, and cultivating the Friendship of the Southern Tribes of *Indians*, and the Defraying the Expences of Two Commissioners to be sent from this Province to Treat with the same, in Conjunction with Commissioners from *Pennsylvania*, *Virginia*, and *North-Carolina*, or any of them; and the Sum of 1000*l.* was by the same Act appropriated towards Paying and Satisfying any of the Inhabitants of this Province, or any of our *Indian* Allies, for the Scalp of every *Indian* Enemy, or any *Indian* Prisoner by them taken or brought in after the Rate of Ten Pounds for each Scalp or *Indian* Prisoner: That by an Act passed in *September 1756*, the further Sum of 3000*l.* out of the said 40000*l.* was appropriated towards Paying for *Indian* Scalps or Prisoners, after the Rate of Fifty Pounds for every Scalp of an *Indian* Enemy, and for every Live *Indian* Enemy, which any Inhabitant of this Province (not being in the Pay of this Province as a Soldier, or *Indian* in Friendship and Alliance with his Majesty's Subjects, shall produce to any Magistrate of this Province; and that by an Act of Assembly passed in *April* last, that Part of the Act made in *February 1756*, which appropriated the Sum of 3000*l.* towards engaging the Assistance and cultivating the Friendship of the Southern Tribes of *Indians*, was Repealed, and that Money directed to be applied towards supporting the Troops which had been raised for the more immediate Defence of this Province. I am informed by the Agents, that no more than 229*l.* 10*s.* has been yet drawn out of the 4000 Pounds which were by the Two abovementioned Acts appropriated towards Rewarding such as should Kill, or take any of our *Indian* Enemies Prisoners, so that there still remains unexpended the Sum of 3790*l.* 10*s.* I must take the Liberty to inform you, that the honourable Mr. *Atkin*, whom his Majesty has been graciously pleased by his Commission to appoint his sole Agent and Superintendant of *Indian* Affairs in the Southern District of *America*, has signified to me, that it is contrary to the Treaties which have been heretofore made with the *Cherokee*

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