

*Supplementary Act to the Act for raising Money for the Expedition against Canada, &c.* Indorsed, "By the Upper House of Assembly, Decem. 7, 1757, Read the Second Time, and will Pass, with the following Amendments: In the first Line of the 3d Page, after the Word *Training*, insert [*of the Militia.*] In the 5th Line of the 6th Page, after the Word *any*, put [*part of such.*] In the 9th Line of the same Page, after the Word *that*, insert [*any part of.*] Signed per Order, J. Ross, Cl. Up. Ho."

Which Amendments being here Read, were agreed to, and the said Bill was indorsed, "Read, and, with the Amendments proposed, passed for Ingrossing."

*The House adjourned until II of the Clock Afternoon.*

*Post Meridiam.* The House met according to Adjournment.

*Thomas Hammond, Esq;* and *Mr. Lescompte*, have Leave to go home.

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

GENTLEMEN of the Lower House of ASSEMBLY,

THE inclosed Letter, will in Part shew you, what Measures have been taken, to put it out of mine and all the King's Officers Power, to supply the Troops at Fort *Cumberland* with Provisions, and to compel the Garrison to abandon that Place, together with it's Artillery and Stores, to his Majesty's Enemies. I perceive that a Member of your House (not with your Approbation I hope) has been remarkably Busy, in suggesting to the People, that they cannot be compelled to serve his Majesty with their Waggons on this occasion: and I learn, that every Artifice has been used to incite them to Sedition. It gives me inexpressible concern, to find, that Matters have been already carried to such a prodigious length; I have ever used my utmost Endeavours to avert the Evils that more immediately threatened the Inhabitants of that Frontier County, and am Resolved to Serve them on all Occasions to the utmost of my Power; but this ill-adviced Step of theirs, lays me under great Difficulties, and will, in it's Consequences, bring certain Ruin upon them, unless you will be prevailed on to assist me in taking proper Measures to prevent it. His Majesty's Fort in the West-most Part of this Province, must not be given up to the Enemy, tho' you may have Resolved (as Col. *Craig* tells the People, that the *Maryland* Forces shall be withdrawn. If the People, whose Waggons have been Demanded by the *Pris-Masters*, do continue to detain them after the manner they have hitherto done, I shall be under a necessity of sending the Earl of *Loudoun*, and the Officer who is appointed under his Lordship to Command the Forces that have been Raised and Supported for the Defence of this and the Two neighbouring Colonies, an Account of what has happened: What Steps they may thereupon think proper to take, I know not: but as this appears to me to be a Matter of the greatest Importance, I intreat you to consider it very seriously, and to proceed in such a Manner, as that neither your Constituents, nor your own Consciences, may hereafter condemn your Conduct.

*December 7, 1757.*

HOR<sup>o</sup>. SHARPE.

Which Message, and Letter, were severally Read, and Ordered to lie on the Table.

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

GENTLEMEN of the Lower House of ASSEMBLY,

I HAVE perused the several Papers that were Presented to me, together with your first Address of the 5th Instant, &c. A Copy of the Affirmation of *Benjamin Richardson*, and Copies of the Depositions of *Daniel McQueen*, *Edward Seaver*, *Thomas Hill*, *David Macklefsb*, *William Hall*, *Ephraim Howard*, *Ezekiel Cheney*, and *Jeremiah Cheney*: The Complaint of the Two First, as I find against Two Soldiers or Soldier-like Men, called *Smith* and *Lake*, for beating and endeavouring to carry off by Violence one *Griffith*, who they pretended to have Enlisted about Eight Months ago, and for threatening and abusing the said *Richardson* and *McQueen*. By these Gentlemens own Account it appears, I think, that upon *Smith's* refusing to go with them before a Justice of the Peace, and presenting a Gun at Mr. *Richardson*, he the said *Richardson* took it away from him, that a Scuffle ensued, but that in the End they released or rescued *Griffith*, and then went and informed some Magistrate or other of what they had done; what became of *Lake* and *Smith* they know not; but have heard that *Smith* was a Waiter on one Mr. *McCarty*, an Officer, and who Mr. *McCarty* is, or where he is to be met with, they do not say; and I cannot learn, neither can I guess, what you would have me do in this Affair. The Two Soldier-like Men may, for aught I know, have been much to blame; but if the Complaints were really of that Opinion, I wonder they did not, when they found themselves able, carry the supposed Offenders before a Magistrate, who would, no doubt, have punished them according to their Deserts: but if, on the contrary, *Smith* and *Lake* should return again to this Province, and make it appear that *Griffith* was fairly Enlisted, I am apt to think, that Mr. *Richardson* and the Deponent will not find it any easy Matter to justify their Conduct.

By