

By the Depositions of *Macleffib, Seares, Mr. William Hall, and Mr. Ephraim Howard, one Thomas Beall,* a young Fellow of *Prince-George's County* (who was impowered by me to Enlist Men for his Majesty's Service, in Consequence of several Acts of Assembly lately made in this Province) is accused of having pretended to Enlist the said *Seares, Hill, and Macleffib,* of treating them afterwards as Deserters, of compelling *Seares* to pay 10*l.* for a Discharge, which he could not give, and of endeavouring to oblige the other Two to purchase their Discharges likewise: *Mr. Beall* is not present to hear what is alledged against him; and tho' his Transactions, as in the Depositions stated, have not the best Appearance, yet I don't think it would be right to condemn him unheard; he is no Officer that I know of, neither is he in the least dependent on me; and if the Complainants can prove that he has acted illegally, I hope they may redress themselves without applying to any Branch of the Legislature; but if it should, on farther Enquiry, appear that they were duly Enlisted, you will not, I am persuaded, take it amiss if they are apprehended and delivered up to one of his Majesty's Officers.

With regard to the Complaint of *Ezekiel and Jeremiah Cheney,* whose articed and indented Servants are said to have run away from them, and to have Enlisted into our Provincial Forces, I can only say, that if the Case is as they represent it, and they have a Right to Satisfaction for their Servants, the Law will give them Relief, if they will be pleased to take the proper Steps to obtain it: And upon the Whole, I cannot help saying, that if these are all the Complaints that your Constituents have any Reason to make against Recruiting Parties, I am persuaded that no People on the Continent have suffered so little from them as his Majesty's good Subjects, the Inhabitants of this Province.

What was the Opinion of your Committee upon the several Facts that are mentioned in the Depositions and Affirmation, whereof you sent me Copies, or whether we shall agree thereupon, I know not, as their Report was not delivered, notwithstanding it is said in your Address that it was thereunto annexed.

December 7th, 1757.

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

Which Message was Read, and Ordered to lie on the Table.  
The House adjourns until the Morrow Morning at IX of the Clock.

THURSDAY, December 8, 1757.

THE House met according to Adjournment: The Members were called, and all appeared as Yesterday, except *Philip Hammond, Esq;* The Proceedings were Read.

Upon considering his Excellency's Message of the 6th Instant, the Question was put, Whether the Appropriation of the Money, granted for Scalps and Prisoners, shall be altered, or Not? *Resolved* in the Negative.

For the NEGATIVE,

{	Messieurs	Plater,	E. Gantt,	Cockey Deye,	King,	Scarborough,
		Gaffaway,	Hanson,	Owings,	Lloyd,	Chapline,
		Carroll,	Lee,	Earle,	E. Tilghman,	E. Dorsey,
		B. Mackall,	Dent,	Frazer,	Bracco,	Beatty.
		Reynolds,	M. Tilghman,	T. Gantt,	Sudler,	

For the AFFIRMATIVE,

{	Messieurs	Sothoron,	Tilden,	Edmondson,	Baker,	Woodward,
		Key,	Worthington,	Govane,	Ward,	Murdock,
		Williamson,	Waggaman,	J. H. Dorsey,	Dulany,	Harris.
		Hynson,	Wilson,			

On Motion, That an Address be prepared to his Excellency, in Answer to his Message of the 6th Instant: *Ordered,* That *Mr. Lloyd, Mr. Murdock, Mr. Bracco, Mr. Key, and Mr. Plater,* do prepare and bring in such Address.

On Motion, That a Message be prepared to be sent to the Upper House, requesting them to join in a Conference with this House: *Ordered,* That *Col. Tilghman, Mr. Matthew Tilghman, Mr. Edward Dorsey, Mr. Dulany, and Mr. Williamson,* do prepare and bring in such Message.

On Considering his Excellency's Message of the 7th Instant, which inclosed Capt. *Alexander Beall's* Letter: *Ordered,* That *Col. Tilghman, Mr. Edward Dorsey, Mr. Matthew Tilghman, Mr. Carroll, and Mr. Dulany,* do prepare and bring in an Address to his Excellency, in Answer to the said Message.

The House adjourns until II of the Clock Afternoon.