

Votes and Proceedings, December, 1757.

Whether Steps the Earl of *Loudoun*, or the Officer appointed under his Lordship to command the Forces that have been raised or supported for the Defence of This and the Two Neighbouring Colonies, may think proper to take on this Occasion, we fully depend they will be such as the Laws of the Land warrant, and his Majesty's Service require.

We agree with your Excellency, that the Matter recommended to us is of the greatest Importance, and ought to be fully considered; but upon the most mature Deliberation, we cannot see how we can make a better Provision for the Peace, Satisfaction and Quiet of the Back Inhabitants, than has been already done by the Bill sent by us to the Upper House, and by them Rejected; after which, our Consciences acquit us of Want of Duty to our most Gracious Sovereign, and our Constituents.

On Reading the said Address, the Question was put, Whether the House Approves the said Address, or Not? Answered in the Affirmative.

		For the AFFIRMATIVE,				
M. C. S.	{	Sullivan,	J. L. Mackall,	Govane,	Ward,	E. Tilghman,
		Williamson,	Reynolds,	J. H. Dorsey,	Murdock,	Bracco,
		Hendon,	Hanson,	Cockey Deye,	Frazer,	Sudler,
		Quilley,	Lee,	Owings,	T. Gantt,	Scarborough,
		Carr,	Dent,	Farle,	King,	E. Dorsey,
		Worthington,	M. Tilghman,	Baker,	Lloyd,	Beatty.

		For the NEGATIVE,				
M. C. S.	{	Plater,	B. Machall,	Waggaman,	Edmondson,	Harris,
		Kear,	H. Gantt,	Wilton,	Woodward,	Chapline.
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On Resolution of the foregoing Question, the said Address was Indorsed, "Read, Approved, and Ordered to be Engaged."  
His Excellency communicated to Mr. Speaker the following Message, viz.

GENTLEMEN of the Lower House of ASSEMBLY,

IN your Third Address of the 5th Instant, you are pleased to tell me, That your Concern for the Disorder of the Frontiers People, induced you to lay before me a Report from a Committee appointed to enquire into the Conduct and Behaviour of the Troops, which have been raised and supported for their Protection, with Copies of Depositions thereto annexed; but on looking over the Bundle of Papers that was delivered to me with that Address, I do not find any Report from a Committee, but only Copies of the Depositions, *viz.* The Deposition of *Thomas Mayns*, one Sheet: of *Jonathan Plummer*, ditto; of *Conrad Farmer*, ditto; of *Thomas Mayns*, ditto; of *John Plummer*, ditto; of *Thomas Richardson*, ditto; of *Conrad Farmer*, ditto; of *Samuel Beall*, ditto; of *Samuel Beall*, ditto; of *James Long*, ditto; of *Peter Butler*, ditto; of *Samuel Beall*, ditto; of *Samuel Beall*, ditto; of *John Massey*, ditto; of *James Boyle*, ditto; of *Iaac Baker*, ditto; of *Joseph Norton*, ditto; of *Joseph Hart*, ditto; and of *Samuel Beall*, with an Account annexed, ditto; of *John Wilkins*, half a Sheet; of *Peter Perceval*, ditto; of *Hezekiah Hyat*, ditto; of *Robert Blackburn*, ditto; of *Peter Shearer*, ditto; of *Thomas Cooper*, ditto; of *James Dixon*, ditto; of *John Oglevie*, ditto; of *Dunbar Mear*, ditto; of *John Swearingen*, ditto; of *Charles Swearingen*, ditto; of *William Shearer*, three Quarters of a Sheet; and a Copy of the Affirmation of *Joseph Vulgamot*.

I thought proper to particularize them in this Manner, lest you should not have sent all the Papers that you intended to send; on Enquiry, you should find that any, which ought to have been given to me, remain in your Hands, or in the Hands of the Gentlemen of the Committee, you will be pleased to send them with the Committee's Report, that I may make an Enquiry into the Facts therein mentioned; and you may be assured, that if I find the Inhabitants have really just Cause to complain of the Behaviour of any of the Officers or Men that have been supported at the Expence of this Province, for his Majesty's Service and the Defence and Protection of our Frontiers, nothing shall be wanting on my Part to bring the Offenders to Justice. There are, I perceive, among the Deponents, many Persons that my Stay on the Frontiers the Summer before last gave me an Opportunity of knowing; and if they had been as well known to you as they are to me, I am persuaded you would not have desired them to depose on the present Occasion. There are, believe me, many Facts mentioned, and several Things asserted, in these Depositions, which I myself know to be false; but these, I doubt not, the Officers will point out when they come to make their Defence, and