

Mr. Dulany brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker, a Bill, entitled, *An Act to empower a Committee to examine in the Interval of Assemblies, the Accounts and Proceedings of the Commissioners or Trustees for Emitting Bills of Credit, established by Act of Assembly, and the Agents, &c.* which Bill was Read the first Time, and Referred for a second Reading on the 20th Day of February, 1758.

Mr. Key brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker, a Bill, entitled, *An Act continuing an Act, entitled, An Act for the speedy and effectual Publication of the Laws of this Province, and for the Encouragement of Jonas Green, of the City of Annapolis, Printer*; which was Read the first and second Time by an especial Order, and will pass.

*The House adjourns until Monday Morning at IX of the Clock.*

MONDAY, December 12, 1757.

THE House met according to Adjournment: The Members were called, and all appeared as on Saturday, except Mr. Waggaman. The Proceedings were Read.

Mr. Rafn appeared in the House.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act continuing an Act, entitled, An Act for the speedy and effectual Publication of the Laws of this Province, and for the Encouragement of Jonas Green, of the City of Annapolis, Printer*, was sent to the Upper House by Mr. Wilson and Mr. Woodward.

An Ingrossed Bill, entitled, *An additional supplementary Act to the Act, entitled, An Act for issuing and taking out of the Office of the Commissioners or Trustees appointed for Emitting Bills of Credit, established by Act of Assembly, the Sum of 4500 l. Current Money, for Encouragement of such able-bodied Freemen as shall voluntarily Enlist themselves into his Majesty's Service, for the intended Expedition against Canada; and for maintaining and conveying them to the Place of Rendezvous; as also for replacing the said Sum, and for the better regulating Ordinaries and Ordinary-Keepers; and for other Purposes therein mentioned*; was Read and Assented to, and sent to the Upper House, with the Paper Bill thereof, by Mr. Reynolds and Mr. Ward.

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

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

Mr. Lloyd brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker, the following Address, &c.

To his Excellency HORATIO SHARPE, Esq; Governor and Commander in Chief in and over the Province of MARYLAND:

The humble ADDRESS of the House of DELEGATES.

*May it please your EXCELLENCY,*

IN Answer to your Message of the 6th Instant, which you were pleased to send us, with an Extract of a Letter without Date from the Honourable Mr. Atkin, we must beg Leave to repeat, that by a Bill some Time ago sent to the Upper House, we made such a Provision as we judged most expedient for cultivating the Friendship and engaging the Assistance of the Southern Tribes of *Indians*, and establishing them in the *British* Interest. In doing this, we could not imagine we were interfering in Matters which the Honourable Mr. Atkin, his Majesty's Agent and Superintendant of *Indian* Affairs, had the sole Power and Right of managing, and which, as he says, he has Reason to believe the several Governors have been cautioned not to do.

We presume this Affair must have very lately come to your Excellency's Knowledge, or you would not have applied to us (as you did in your Message of the first Instant) to know whether we would choose to employ the Fifty-six *Cherokees* that were then at Fort Frederick, offering their Service; but would rather have given us the Information you now do, of the extensive Commission under which Mr. Atkin acts.

Could we have imagined that it was expressly contrary to Treaties made with the *Cherokee* Tribes, that they should demand or even expect any certain Reward for Scalps (after having seen those Rewards offered by and accepted from the neighbouring Governments) and that those *Indians* have already been told so by Mr. Atkin, and likewise that every Person (except himself) was, by his most Gracious Majesty, strictly forbidden to concern with the *Indians* in the Southern District of *America*, or their Affairs, we should probably have framed our Bill for giving Rewards, in such a Manner as should be most agreeable to the Royal Instructions; and we are of the Opinion, that the Method proposed in our Supply-Bill, sent to the Upper House this Session, would have been so in every Respect, except that, by that Bill, your Excellency or the

Commander