

Votes and Proceedings, December, 1757.

Commander in Chief for the Time being (instead of Mr. *Atkin*) was empowered to direct the Distribution of the Rewards, in Proportion to the Services respectively performed by the *Indians* for his Majesty's Service, and the Protection of our Frontier Inhabitants, whether they killed or made Prisoners any of the Enemy or Indians.

The Gentlemen that now are on our Frontiers, or such other Parties as may come, we suppose are well perswaded, that it is to Mr. *Atkin* they must apply for a Reward for their Service: If so, no doubt they will; but on the contrary, if they are come without the Knowledge and Permission of that Gentleman, we judge not the Reward they expect from us for Scalps and Prisoners that may have induced them; and we think they should not be disappointed, if they shall be so fortunate as to procure either. As we are still, in great Measure, Strangers to the Honourable Mr. *Atkin's* Commission, and the Powers he is invested with, and also to the Regulations established in *Virginia*, in respect to the Grants they have made of Money for the Use of our Indian Affairs, when that Commission, with his Majesty's Instructions, or such Part of them as are proper to be communicated, are laid before us, with the Regulations established in *Virginia* relative to *Indian* Affairs, we shall be able to judge of the Expediency of the Measures they have taken; but till then we have not been excited from making any Alteration in the Appropriation of the Money heretofore granted as a Reward for Scalps and Prisoners; for should Mr. *Atkin* have forbidden the *Indians*, now on our Frontier, to receive from us any Rewards for Scalps or Prisoners, as he allows it would be a very laudable Thing in our white People to imitate themselves to those large Rewards given, and says, it may be a Means of animating them to go out against the Enemy, we are unwilling to deprive the Frontier Inhabitants of the Protection that is or may be afforded them by the Excursions of Scalping Parties, and the more so as we could not obtain the Passage of a Bill, for supporting such Part of the Troops which have been raised by the Province, as was judged necessary for our immediate Defence.

Which Address was Read; and the Question was put, Whether the House Approves the said Address, or Not? *Resolved* in the Affirmative.

For the AFFIRMATIVE,

Mr. <i>Phillips</i> ,	B. Mackall,	Govane,	Ward,	Bracco,
Mr. <i>Waller</i> ,	E. Gantt,	J. H. Dorsey,	Frazer,	Scarborough,
Mr. <i>Hanson</i> ,	Hanson,	Cockey Deye,	King,	Chapline,
Mr. <i>Wright</i> ,	Lee,	Owings,	Lloyd,	E. Dorsey,
Mr. <i>Carroll</i> ,	Dent,	Earle,	E. Tilghman,	Reynolds,
Mr. <i>Mackall</i> ,	M. Tilghman,	Baker,		

For the NEGATIVE,

Mr. <i>Waller</i> ,	Tilden,	Wilson,	Woodward,	Harris.
Mr. <i>Key</i> ,	Worthington,	Edmondson,		

On Resolution of the foregoing Question, the said Address was Indorsed, "Read, Approved, and Ordered to be Ingrossed."

Mr. *Lee* brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker, an Ingrossed Address; which was Read and Assented to, and signed, by Order of the House, by the Honourable Speaker.

Resolved, That Mr. *Key* and Mr. *Wilson* do acquaint his Excellency the Governor, That this House hath prepared an Address, to be presented to him, and desires to know when and where he will please to receive it. They return and acquaint Mr. Speaker, That the Governor would receive the Address immediately at his House.

Ordered, That Mr. *Lee*, with Three more, do present the Address.

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

GENTLEMEN of the Lower House of ASSEMBLY,

SINCE you have thought proper, in one of the Addresses which were presented to me the 10th Instant, to shew, that the Rates which you had settled for Waggon Hire, in the Bill that was some Time this Session, sent to the Upper House, and returned thence with a Negative, were such as would have satisfied the Inhabitants of *Fredrick* County, whose Waggon's might be impressed to carry Provisions to *Fort-Cumberland*, and to make them quite easy, I think myself obliged to take particular Notice of that Part of your Address, and to repeat heretofore, and again very lately, assured the People of that County, that I will embrace every Opportunity of shewing I have their Interest and Security truly at Heart.

By