

We object to the last Proviso in the Bill, exempting the Governor in respect only of his Income as Governor, because there is the same Reason to extend the Exemption to the Profits arising from his Offices of Chancellor and Surveyor-General, and his personal Estate; for we think it would be somewhat absurd to subject the Effects of the Supreme Magistrate to Distress and Sale, and his Person to Imprisonment.

We don't know from what Rule or Principle you have inferred so large a Capital, as the Bill supposes, and confess that it very considerably exceeds any Estimate we are able to make, tho' we should include the large Debt due from the Inhabitants of this Province to Merchants in *England*, and other Non-Residents; but as this may not be very material at present, however it might be in its Consequence, we shall not object to it further than to shew our Apprehension, that the whole Sum of Money may not be raised even in Three Years, and to intimate our Opinion, that it would be proper, in order to secure effectually the Credit of the New Money, and prevent the Inconvenience which might arise from a Deficiency, to give the Bill a longer Continuance.

Thus, *Gentlemen*, we have frankly pointed out, for your Satisfaction, our most material Objections, thinking it unnecessary to enumerate the consequent ones to dependant Clauses, or minutely to consider and remark upon the Style or Expressions of the Bill.

It appears to us, that the very extensive Mode proposed by the Bill (a Mode unexperienced, and till this Time untried, repugnant to the Usage of this Province, and unsuitable to our Circumstances) and the Detail of Duties required by the Bill necessarily multiply Officers; that these Officers ought to be equally rewarded in Proportion to the Merit of their Services, an expensive Equity being more eligible than the Oppression of any Set of Men, that the Gain expected to arise by this Kind of Assessment, would be lost by the adequate Payment of those, by whose Agency the Bill must be executed; that the Officers ought to be appointed by the Proprietary, if any Regard is had to the Origin of our Constitution, and the correspondent Usage of the Province; we presume that you would not be desirous of creating so many Dependencies upon the Government, as would flow from the Appointment of so many Officers, nor on the other Hand ought it to be expected from us, that we would concur in an Attempt to strip Lord *Baltimore* of his Right, and vest it in your House, an Attempt which would prove as fruitless, as it would be unjust, and could tend only to the Introduction of such an unsettled and turbulent State of Things, such a Train of Confusion, as ought at this Crisis particularly to be most studiously avoided by all, who can see the baneful Consequences of Disunion, and are animated by a sincere Regard for the genuine Interests of their Country.

Signed per Order, J. Ross, Cl. Up. Ho.

And the Bill, entitled, *An Act for Granting a Supply of 45,000 l. for his Majesty's Service, &c.*

On Motion, *Resolved*, That this House will take into Consideration on the Morrow Morning, the Message from the Upper House, brought by *Richard Lee*, Esq; this Afternoon.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act for the Security of Purchasers and Others, claiming by or from Aliens*, was Read the second Time, and the Question was put, that the said Bill do pass. *Resolved* in the Negative.

For the NEGATIVE,

Messieurs	{	Tilden,	Reynolds,	Oldham,	Owings,	Frazer,
		Hammond,	E. Gantt,	Gray,	Hyland,	T. Gantt,
		Gaiffaway,	Hanson,	Lecompte,	Earle,	Lloyd,
		Carroll,	M. Tilghman,	Govane,	Baker,	King,
		Worthington,	Edmondson,	J. H. Dorsey,	Murdock,	E. Tilghman,
J. J. Mackall,						

For the AFFIRMATIVE,

Messieurs	{	Williamson,	Lowes,	Sullivan,	Bracco,	E. Dorsey,
		Hanson,	Gale,	Cockey Deye,	Handy,	Beatty,
		Rain,	Wilson,	Ward,	Harris,	Cresap.
		Waggaman,	Goldborough,	Dulany,	Chapline,	

In Pursuance of the foregoing Resolution, the said Bill was Indorsed, "Read the second Time, and will not Pass."

On Motion, That a Committee be appointed to enquire into the Proposals made by *Thomas Clark* and *George Scott*, and those of *Thomas Bacon*, for Publishing a Revised Copy of the Laws of this Province; *Ordered*, That *Mr. Hammond*, *Mr. Dorsey*, *Mr. Goldborough*, *Col. Tilghman*, *Mr. Carroll*, *Mr. Dulany*, *Mr. M. Tilghman* and *Mr. Murdock*, be a Committee for that Purpose; and that they make Report thereof to the House.

On Reading the second Time the Bill, entitled, *An Act for Reducing the Allowances of the Councillors, Deputies and Delegates, &c.* the Question was put, That the Allowances of the Provincial Magistrates be Reduced by the said Bill. *Resolved* in the Affirmative.