

before this House in the first Instance, and to be adjusted and allowed, or rejected, by it; tho' still the Upper House have had a Negative on the Journal of Accounts, in which Allowances were made for those Claims, and that Power this House did not intend to deprive them of (whatever may be their real Right) in the Case of the £. 2500 appropriated by the Bill, but to allow them a Negative, as they would have had on the Journal had Allowances for those Expences been made therein; and that the most material Claims against the Public in the first Instance preferred to the Upper House, have been of such a Nature as would not have been made against the Public but through that House, and which this House have thought it the Height of Injustice to burthen the Public with, and therefore have rejected Time after Time, till they have disappeared.

Resolved, That in all Grants of Aid for his Majesty's Service, and the Defence and Security of this Province, it is just and reasonable that the Lord Proprietary, who is more nearly and immediately interested than almost any of his Tenants, should bear at least an equal Proportion with them of the Taxes necessarily imposed for those Purposes; and that if his Lordship should desire (which we cannot suppose) to be totally exempted from the Payment of a Tax upon so large a Part of his Revenue as his Quit-Rents, it would discover an Inclination to oppress his Tenants, by loading them with that Expence which he himself ought to bear for the Security of his own Property, and betray a Want of Zeal and Loyalty to his most Gracious Sovereign, by not cheerfully contributing with the Rest of his Subjects, towards the Defence and Support of his just Rights against the Encroachments of his most inveterate Enemy.

Resolved, That a Tax similar to that imposed by the Bill upon Lucrative Offices, Employments, and Benefices, is commonly imposed in England; and it is the more reasonable and just here, as so large a Proportion of the Produce of the People's Labour is given by Law to the Maintenance and Support of the Officers and Clergy.

Resolved, That holding Judicial and Lucrative Offices within this Government by the Supreme Magistrate thereof, this House apprehends is Unconstitutional; but that while he does hold them, it is Reasonable he should be Taxed on the Incomes thereof, in the same Proportion as other Officers are proposed to be Taxed.

Resolved, That this House in their Message of the 27th April last, by the Words, "We hope every Mode of Proceeding, which has been made Use of between the Two Houses on similar Occasions, will be pursued on this, for bringing about the Passage of a Bill of so great Importance," plainly shewed their Willingness to proceed by a Conference with that House, had they proposed one, as they did in the Case of the Bill for Granting 40,000 l. in 1756.

Resolved, That this House has done what was incumbent on them, as faithful and loyal Subjects, towards making a Grant for his Majesty's Service, and the Defence and Security of this Province; and though their Endeavours for those important Purposes have been frustrated by the Non-Concurrence of the Upper House, they are conscious the deplorable Circumstances which this unhappy Province may probably labour under, through Want of such a Grant, cannot be imputed to them.

Mr. Carrall brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker, the following Ingrossed Address, viz.

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,

THE Clerk of this House is ordered to lay before your Excellency, a Copy of the Reports of the Committee of both Houses appointed to Inspect the Office and Proceedings of the Commissioners or Trustees of the Loan Office, by which you'll be pleased to observe, that the above Commissioners have failed in sundry Points of their Duty, and several Officers have been deficient, as well with Regard to the Payment of Monies into the Office, as in many other Respects. 'Tis needless to urge to your Excellency how much the Public Credit must suffer by such Neglects and Omissions: We must therefore beg Leave to trouble your Excellency with a Request, that you'll be pleased to direct that the Bonds of all Officers mentioned in the Reports, be forthwith put in Suit, except in the Case of the Sheriff of Queen-Anne's County, who, it appears to this House, has complied with his Duty since the Report was made; and any other where your Excellency may have good Reason to believe there may be a speedy Compliance.

We must particularly desire, that those Officers who have neglected their Duty during the whole Time of their Continuing in Office, and many who to this Time have delayed to account and make their Payments, may be treated with that Rigour which they justly deserve; and hope all the Officers of this Government will be informed, that a strict Compliance with their Duty is expected.

Which was Read and Assented to, and Signed, by Order of the House, by the Honourable Speaker.