

then of the additional Land-Tax, and still think that it would be advisable on many Accounts for us to extend, at this Time, the Duration of the Act for granting a Supply of £. 40,000 for his Majesty's Service, that was passed in 1756, for One Year only, beyond the Term for which it was originally intended to remain in Force, yet, as the Funds that were appropriated to sink the Bills of Credit which were emitted by Virtue of that Act, have proved deficient beyond all our Expectations, and we think it just and expedient that the Land-Holders in this Province, should be, in some Measure, relieved from the great and unequal Burthen which is about to fall on them; we are willing to agree to your Proposition for continuing the £. 40,000 Act, for the Term of Two Years after the Term when it would otherwise expire. But as we are far from being satisfied, that no ill Consequence would follow from the Collectors being directed by the Bill in Question to receive Gold and Silver Specie at different Ratio, from those at which it is now, in Consequence of an Act of Assembly, paid by the Inhabitants of this Province in Discharge of Officers Fees and Public Debts (and unless it was to be paid at higher Rates into the Loan-Office, it is evident that the Value of our Paper Currency would be greatly depreciated) we are determined to adhere to our second Amendment, being at the same Time persuaded, that the People who may want Paper Money to pay the Taxes with which they shall be charged, under the £. 40,000 Act, and the Continuing Bill proposed, will be able to procure it at lower Exchange than Thirty-three and a Third Advance upon Sterling.

As you were not ignorant, *Gentlemen*, after what Method the Commissioners were Named by the Two Houses, at the Time when the £. 40,000 Act was Framed, we wish you had not attempted to introduce a new Mode on the present Occasion, because it looks as if you were fond of Innovations: However, as you seem to acknowledge the Propriety of an Objection to that Part of the Bill, we waive all Dispute with you on this Head, and have Nominated *Samuel Chamberlaine, Benjamin Tasker, junior, Benedict Calvert, Daniel Dulany, and Stephen Bordley*, Esquires, to join the Members Named by your House as Commissioners for the Purposes in the said Bill mentioned. These Amendments being made to the Bill, which we have now returned you, the same will Pass.

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

On Reading the said Message, with the Amendments proposed, the House agrees therewith; and Ordered, that the same be made accordingly.

On Motion, Ordered, That the Petition of *Mary Stansbury*, be Referred for Consideration at the next Session of Assembly.

*The adjourns till II of the Clock Afternoon.*

*Post-Meridiem.* The House met according to Adjournment.

Mr. *Earle* appeared in the House.

Mr. *Waters*, on his Application to the House, hath Leave of Absence.

The Order of the Day being Read; the House proceeded to an Hearing on the Petition of the Inhabitants of *Baltimore County*, and Referred the same for further Consideration on the Morrow Morning.

Ordered, That the Petition of the Inhabitants of *Baltimore County* be heard at the Bar of this House, on the Morrow Morning, immediately after the Call of the House.

*The House adjourns till the Morrow Morning at VIII of the Clock.*

F R I D A Y, October 10, 1760.

THE House met according to Adjournment. The Members were called, and all appeared as Yesterday, except Mr. *Wilson* and Mr. *Waters*. The Proceedings were Read.

The Order of the Day being Read; the House proceeded further on an Hearing of the Petition of the Inhabitants of *Baltimore County*, and Referred the same for further Consideration Afternoon.

The Bill, entituled, *An Act for Conveying and Transporting the French Prisoners therein mentioned, to England*, was Read the second Time by an especial Order, and will pass; and was sent to the Upper House by Mr. *Dulany* and Mr. *Hansen*.

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

*Post-Meridiem.* The House met according to Adjournment.

Mr. *John Hammond*, a Delegate this Day Elected by the Freeholders of *Anne-Arundel County*, to serve in the General Assembly of this Province, appeared in the House.

Ordered, That Mr. *Gassarway* and Mr. *Carroll* do go with that Gentleman to the Upper House, to see him there Qualified. They return and acquaint Mr. Speaker, that they saw him Qualified in the usual Manner. The Gentleman took his Seat in the House.

The Order of the Day being Read; the House took into further Consideration the Petition of the Inhabitants of *Baltimore County*; and, on Motion, the Question was put, That the further Consideration of the said Petition be Referred to the next Session of Assembly. Resolved in the Affirmative.

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