

GENTLEMEN of the Lower House of ASSEMBLY,

HEREWITH send you Copies of two Letters that I lately received from the Earl of *Egremont* and Sir *Jeffery Amberst*, by which you will perceive, that the King thinking it highly essential to the Interests and Security of his Subjects in *North-America*, that the regular Regiments serving on this Continent be recruited with all Expedition, to the full Complement of Effectives, and at the same Time considering how *Great-Britain* is drained, by furnishing such Numbers of Men for the various Services in all Parts of the World, so as to render it impracticable to recruit these Regiments from thence, hath been pleased to signify to these Provinces, his Desire and Expectations, that they will severally furnish their respective Quotas of Recruits, to compleat the Regiments which have been sent hither from *Europe* for our Defence and Protection.

As this Demand, *Gentlemen*, is so very reasonable, and so evidently calculated for the Security and Advantages of these Colonies, I flatter myself you will, on your Parts, most readily perform what is required of you: The Number of Recruits demanded from this Province being only Eighty-four, I doubt not but they may be speedily raised, if you will but appropriate a small Sum to be distributed by Way of Bounty-Money among the Men that may enlist, especially as Sir *Jeffery Amberst* is pleased to promise a considerable Sum to each Recruit, besides a Reward of Forty Shillings *New-York* Currency, to the Officer or Person who shall enlist them.

30th *March*, 1762.

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And a Letter from the Earl of *Egremont*, his Majesty's Secretary of State, and another from Sir *Jeffery Amberst*.

Which were Read the first and second Time; and thereupon *Resolved*, That Eighty-four Men be raised, agreeable to the General's Requisition, and that Eight Pounds Bounty-Money be given to each able-bodied Man who shall be enlisted; and that the Sum of Twenty Shillings be given to the Officer, who shall enlist the said Men.

On Motion, the Question was put, That the said Bounty and Enlisting Money be raised by appropriating a Sum sufficient for those Purposes out of the Grant for his Majesty's Service, to be made by the Supply Bill, now preparing by this House. *Resolved* in the Affirmative.

For the AFFIRMATIVE,

Messieurs	Hynson,	Stoddert,	Sulivane,	Earle,	Murdock,
	Ringgold,	Smallwood,	Deye,	Baker,	Robert Lloyd,
	Richard Lloyd,	Hanson,	Paca,	Beall,	E. Tilghman,
	Worthington,	Dent,	Dorsey,	Waring,	Magruder,
	Hammond,	J. Tilghman,	Ward,	Jacobs,	Beatty.
	Gantt,				

For the NEGATIVE,

Messieurs	Sothoron,	W. Adams,	J. Goldborough,	Lee,	Hollyday,
	J. Hall,	J. Adams,	Thomas,	Dulany,	Harris,
	Plater,	Waters,	C. Goldborough,	Steuart,	Selby,
	Grahame,	Edmondson,	Gray,	Wright,	Chaille.
	Hayward,				

The Order of the Day was Read.

The Sheriff of *Calvert* County attended agreeable to the Order of the House.

The House refers the farther Consideration of the Petition of the Freeholders and other Voters of *Calvert* County, to the Afternoon.

On Motion, the Question was put, Whether the Committee appointed on the Draft of the Supply Bill may have Leave to go out, or the Bill for the *Advancement of Justice* be read the first Time. *Resolved* that the Committee go out.

For the COMMITTEE'S GOING OUT,

Messieurs	Sothoron,	Hammond,	J. Tilghman,	Earle,	Robert Lloyd,
	J. Hall,	Gantt,	Thomas,	Baker,	E. Tilghman,
	Plater,	Grahame,	Sulivane,	Beall,	Wright,
	Hynson,	Stoddert,	Deye,	Waring,	Hollyday,
	Ringgold,	Smallwood,	Paca,	Jacobs,	Magruder,
	Richard Lloyd,	Hanson,	Dorsey,	Murdock,	Beatty.
	Worthington,	Dent,	Lee,	Dulany,	

For the BILL'S BEING READ,

Messrs.	Hayward,	Waters,	C. Goldborough,	Steuart,	Selby,
	W. Adams,	Edmondson,	Gray,	Harris,	Chaille.
	J. Adams,	J. Goldborough,	Ward,		

The House adjourns till II of the Clock.

Post-Meridiem. The House met according to Adjournment.

Mr. *James John Mackall* appears in the House.

On Motion, *Ordered*, That an Address be prepared, to be presented to his Excellency, in Answer to his Message of this Day; and that Mr. *Edward Tilghman* and Mr. *Hammond* do prepare and bring in the same.

Mr. *Hammond* brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker, an Address to his Excellency; which was Read the first and second Time, and Approved of, and Ordered to be Ingrossed.

The House proceeds to the further Hearing of the Petition of the Freeholders and other Voters of *Calvert* County, and Dismissed the same with Costs.

Mr.