

That a Corner of the Paper Currency Office wants Repair.

That the Roofs of the Rooms over the Conference and Council Chambers, want Repairing and Barge-Boards, and the Windows Glazing.

That the Conference Chamber wants Glazing and Plaistering, and one of the Closets of the said Chamber wants Window Shutters.

That the Council Chamber wants several new Planks in the Floor, and the Casing of the Pillars of the outward Doors want Repairing.

That the Court-House wants Glazing and Painting in many Places, and some Repairs in the Foundation.

Your Committee beg Leave to Report further, That the Commissary's, Secretary's, and Land Offices, are much too small for the regular Disposition of the Books and Papers belonging to those Offices, and for the convenient carrying on of the Business in the same Offices.

That the Assembly Office is much out of Repair.

All which is humbly submitted to the Consideration of the Honourable House.

Signed per Order, J. ROGERS, Clerk.

Which was Read, and Ordered to lie on the Table.

An Ingrossed Bill, entituled, *An Act for the Continuance of Causes standing for Trial in the Provincial Court*, was sent to the Upper House, with the Paper Bill, by Mr. James Tilghman and Mr. Hayward.

*The House adjourns till II of the Clock.*

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

Mr. Ward, Mr. Worthington, and Col. Richard Lloyd, have Leave of Absence.

Ordered, That Mr. Worthington, Mr. Wilmer, and Mr. Wright, be added to the Committee to report to the House the State of the Serjeant's Fees.

An Ingrossed Bill, entituled, *An Act to erect a Market at the Market-House in Kent County, &c.* was sent to the Upper House, with the Paper Bill, by Mr. J. Goldborough and Mr. J. Hall.

John Ridout, Esq; from the Upper House, delivers to Mr. Speaker, a Bill, entituled, *An Act to prevent any future Loan of the Bills of Credit in the Paper Currency Office, &c.* thus Indorsed, "By the Upper House of Assembly, 23d April, 1762. Read the first and second Time, by especial Order, and will Pass, with the following Amendments: Leave out from the Word *Officer*, in the 17th Line, to the Words *and she*, in the 20th Line, and insert the following: [When he accounts for, and pays into the Office aforesaid, the Money by him received in Virtue of the above recited Acts, shall, at the Foot, or on the Back of his Account, produce over and above the usual Probate, a Probate under the Hand of some Provincial or County Justice to this Effect, *viz.* That the Paper Money for which he has debited himself in his said Account, is the Amount of all the Paper Money which he received from the People by Virtue of the said Acts, during the Time for which he accounts.]"

Which was Read, with the Amendments, to which the House agrees, and the said Bill was ordered to be Ingrossed.

His Excellency communicated to Mr. Speaker, the following Message:

GENTLEMEN of the Lower House of ASSEMBLY,

SINCE I find by the Address you presented to me last Saturday, that there are some among you who seem determined to misconstrue whatever I can say or do, it will give me no Concern to know, that my Conduct does not meet with the Approbation of those Men; but that such of you as have not shut your Eyes against Truth, may be more fully informed of the Disingenuity of those Gentlemen, and their unreasonable Attempts, on more Occasions than one, I must beg your Patience while I trouble you with a Narrative of some of their former Proceedings.

The Earl of Loudoun, Commander in Chief of his Majesty's Forces on this Continent, having in March 1757, signified to the Governors of the neighbouring Colonies, and Myself, that agreeable to a Plan which his Majesty had approved of, the greatest Part of the King's Regular Troops in America, were to be employed the ensuing Campaign to the Northward; and that for the Defence and Security of the Southern Colonies, he proposed to leave one Battalion of the Royal American Regiment, besides his Majesty's Three independent Companies that were in South-Carolina, and that he thought it necessary for the better Security of the said Colonies, that they should themselves furnish 3800 Men, *viz.* Pennsylvania 1400, Maryland 500, Virginia 1000, North-Carolina 400, and South-Carolina 500: That one Half of the abovementioned Battalion, 200 of the Men that were to be furnished by the Province of Pennsylvania, 400 of the Virginia Troops, and 200 of the Soldiers that were, according to his Lordship's Proposition, to be raised in North-Carolina, should be sent to South-Carolina, there to act in Conjunction with the 500 Men that were to be furnished by that Government, and the abovementioned Independent Companies; that the rest of the Troops which should be raised and supported by North-Carolina, Virginia, and Pennsylvania, should be employed for the Defence of those Colonies, in such Manner as his Lordship, or the Officer that he should leave with the other Five Companies of the Royal American Battalion, to command them, should think fit; and that the whole 500 Men, which this Province was required and expected to furnish, should be employed for the immediate Protection of our Frontier Inhabitants; I met the General Assembly of this Province the 8th of April, and communicated to both Houses the Plan which had been concerted for the Security of the Southern Colonies, and recommended it to them to provide for the Support of the Number of Men that were required as the Quota of this Province, which they did before the End of the Session, by appropriating to that Use what remained of the Money which had been granted the Year before for his Majesty's Service. On the 12th of April (which was before the Bill for making such an Appropriation was framed) I sent the Lower House a Message to inform them, that the Virginia Troops which had been some Time posted at Fort Cumberland, had received Orders to evacuate that Place, and to embark for South-Carolina, and that Captain Dagworthy (who was the eldest Officer in the Maryland Forces) had thereupon marched with a Detachment of those Forces, to garrison that Fort, the Earl of Loudoun having thought that Step necessary, and for his Majesty's Service.

On the 16th of April, it was Resolved by the then Lower House, "That a Number not exceeding 500 Men (including Officers and those already raised) should be kept in Pay for his Majesty's Service, and for

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