

cessary Expenses, during the late War, not because the Demands proposed by the Bill to be discharged, ought not to be satisfied, but because they are upon the same Footing with those of other Creditors, and should therefore be paid in the same Manner.

By the Act, entitled, *An Act for ordering and regulating the Militia of this Province, for the better Defence and Security thereof*, the Militia are to be paid in the Public Levy, and we should not have the least Objection to their being satisfied in this Manner, for we think that their Obedience to the Orders issued by the Governor, in Consequence of the Authority with which he is invested by an express Law, was prudent and commendable, but as other Public Creditors are equally intitled to Satisfaction, and in the same Manner, we cannot concur in a Measure distinguishing their Cases.

The Public Debt is now swelled to a great Amount, and if you are of Opinion that the Discharge of the Whole at this Time, would fall too heavy, we should very willingly embrace any Expedient, conducive to the Ease of the Debtors, and therefore, if it is agreeable to you, we shall consent that the Militia and the other Persons mentioned in the Bill we now return, and all other Creditors, be at this Time paid, except the Members of the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly for their respective Allowances, the Payment of which may be deferred to a Season more convenient to the good People of this Province.

Signed per Order,

J. Ross, Cl. Up. Ho.

And the List of Debts due for Quartering Soldiers, &c.  
And the Bill, entitled, *An Act for the speedy Payment of such Persons as have been ordered to march to the Western Frontiers of this Province, for the Defence thereof, &c.* which Bill was Indorsed, "By the Upper House of Assembly, 23d November, 1763, Read the first and second Time by an especial Order, and will not pass."

Signed per Order,

J. Ross, Cl. Up. Ho."

*Benedict Calvert, Esq;* from the Upper House, delivers to Mr. Speaker, the Bill, entitled, *An Act for laying out and erecting a Town at Elk-Ridge Landing, &c.* Indorsed, "By the Upper House of Assembly, 23d November, 1763, Read the second Time, and will not pass."

"Signed per Order,

J. Ross, Cl. Up. Ho."

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

POST-MERIDIEM. *The House met according to Adjournment, &c.*

*Mr. Johnson* brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker, a Bill, entitled, *An Act to provide for the Defence and Security of the Frontier Inhabitants against the IncurSIONS of the Indians, and for the better Regulation of Ordinaries and Ordinary Keepers, within this Province;* which was Read the first Time, and Ordered to lie on the Table.

*John Riabot, Esq;* from the Upper House, delivers to Mr. Speaker, the following Message, viz.

By the UPPER HOUSE of ASSEMBLY, 23d November, 1763.

GENTLEMEN,

HAVING by our Message of the 19th Instant acquainted you with the Resolution of this House, we cannot help thinking your Yesterday's Message somewhat irregular, and not altogether calculated to preserve the Harmony we wish might subsist between the Two Houses. As we observe by the Journal, that the Affair of a College was under the Consideration of the Lower House several Years ago, and that during the Session held in April 1761, it was again moved and deliberated on in that House, of which most of you Gentlemen were Members, we can easily account for the Bill's appearing at this Time to a Majority of your House so plain, simple, and perfect; but as we see it in a very different Light, and think the Establishment of a College here a Matter that requires the most mature Consideration, we did not choose, however solicitous we are to have a College established on a good Foundation, to determine hastily thereon, especially as several of our Members were by Sickness, rendered unable to attend, and therefore made the Reference of which we advised you: As the Practice, of which you affect to complain, is of so long standing, that we believe none of the Gentlemen who are at present Members of either House remember when it was introduced, and is, in our Opinion, founded in Reason, you must not be surprized at our taking the Liberty to continue it; but, if for the Reasons mentioned in your Message, or any other, you are desirous to have the Bill in Question published, we shall not object thereto, and will direct our Clerk to deliver yours a Copy of the Bill for that Purpose, in case you shall think fit to order him to apply for it.

Signed per Order,

J. Ross, Cl. Up. Ho.

*Benedict Calvert, Esq;* from the Upper House, delivers to Mr. Speaker, the Journal of Accounts; and the following Message, viz.

By the UPPER HOUSE of ASSEMBLY, 23d November, 1763.

GENTLEMEN,

THE Fate of the Bill, we this Morning returned to you, making it necessary that many additions be made to the Journal of Accounts, so that all who have just Claims on the Public may be satisfied, we send you back the Journal for that Purpose. Should you resolve after such Additions