

of the Debts of the said Brian Philpot; indorsed: "By the Upper House of Assembly, June 20, 1768: Read the first and second Time, by especial Order, and will pass.

"Signed by Order, U. SCOTT, Cl. Up. Ho."

Also the Bill, entitled, *An Act to give Thomas Harrison further Time to effect the Removal of a Nuisance in Baltimore-Town, in Baltimore County*; indorsed: "By the Upper House of Assembly, June 18, 1768: Read the first Time, and ordered to lie on the Table.

"Signed by Order, U. SCOTT, Cl. Up. Ho."

"By the Upper House of Assembly, June 20, 1768: Read the second Time, and will pass.

"Signed by Order, U. SCOTT, Cl. Up. Ho."

Which Bills were read, and passed for ingrossing.

Also the Paper Bills, entitled, *An Act for turning Part of a Street, called East-Street, in the City of Annapolis, and for confirming the Title of Thomas Jennings, Esq; of the said City, to a Lot of Ground therein.* And,

A Bill, entitled, *A Supplementary Act to the Act, to enable the Visitors of Kent County School, for the Time being, to lease out Part of the Land belonging to the said School*; indorsed: "By the Upper House of Assembly, June 18, 1768: The ingrossed Bill, whereof this is the Original, read, and assented to.

"Signed by Order, U. SCOTT, Cl. Up. Ho."

Mr. Grahame brings in, and delivers to Mr. Speaker, the following Report:

By the COMMITTEE appointed to state the Facts contained in the Petition of Capt. Richard Pearis.

YOUR Committee observe to the Honourable House, that the Petitioner commanded a Company, in the Pay of this Province, during the late War.

That it appears to your Committee, from the Information of Captain *Ware*, that the Petitioner advanced very considerable Sums of Money for the Support of his Company, during the Time the Troops served, after the Money granted by this Province, was expended. That the Petitioner suffered much Inconvenience, and a considerable Loss, by lying out of the Money he had so advanced, near Five Years, before any Part of it was repaid him. That the Petitioner's Company, being the youngest in the Service of this Province, was the first reduced, and the Men distributed among the other Companies. That it appears to your Committee, by the Affidavit of the Petitioner, that his Company, being so reduced, in the Beginning of the Campaign commanded by General *Forbes*, he acted as Captain-Lieutenant, by Brevet, from Col. *Dagworthy*, by the particular Order of the General, during the remaining Part of the said Campaign. That, by some Means or other, his Name, after receiving his Brevet, was left out of the Muster-Rolls, which were sent to *England*, for the Pay of those Troops. That, during the Campaign, he was ordered out by the General, to reconnoitre towards *Fort du Quesne*, with a Party, and, if possible, to bring in a Prisoner in the Beginning of the Month of *November*. That, on the 14th of that Month, he returned with an *Indian Man*, and a *Squaw*, whom he delivered to the General; and that he has never received any Pay, either from the Crown, or this Province, for the Time during which he acted by Brevet, nor any Reward or Compensation for his Services, in taking the said Prisoners.

Your Committee observe, that the Fact respecting the taking the Two *Indians*, is also attested by a Certificate from the late Col. *Henry Bouquet*. All which is submitted to the Consideration of the Honourable House.

"Signed per Order, EDWARD FORD, Cl. Com.

Which is read the first Time, and ordered to lie on the Table.

The Governor communicates to Mr. Speaker, the following Message:

GENTLEMEN of the Lower House of ASSEMBLY,

THE King, our most gracious Sovereign, having been informed, that a Circular Letter, a Copy of which hath been communicated to his Ministers, was, in *February* last, sent by the Speaker of the House of Representatives of the Colony of *Massachusetts*, to the Speakers of other Houses of Assembly in *North-America*, hath been pleased to order it to be signified to me, that he considers such Measure to be of a most dangerous and factious Tendency, calculated to inflame the Minds of his good Subjects in the Colonies, to promote an unwarrantable Combination, to excite and encourage an open Opposition to, and Denial of the Authority of Parliament, and to subvert the true Principles of the Constitution; but, while I notify to you his Majesty's Sentiments, with respect to this Matter, I am also to tell you, that the repeated Proofs which have been given by the Assembly of this Province, of their Reverence and Respect for the Laws, and of their faithful Attachment to the Constitution, leave little Room for his Majesty to doubt of their shewing a proper Resentment of such unjustifiable Attempt to revive those Distractions, which have operated so fatally to the Prejudice of both the Colonies and the Mother Country. And, I flatter myself, that in case such Letter has been addressed to the Speaker of your House, you will confirm the favourable Opinion, his Majesty, at present, entertains of his *Maryland* Subjects, by taking no Notice of such Letter, which will be treating it with the Contempt it deserves.

H O R^o. S H A R P E.

June 20, 1768.

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