U. H. J. that I have received from one of his Majestys principal Secretarys Liber No. 35 February 22 of State which Sets in the Strongest Light That, and the Several other Motives which should Prompt us to exert our selves on this Occasion; I will Satisfy myself with laying it before you and with p.2 exhorting you to consider how far the Season is already advanced and to finish the Business for which you are Assembled with the greatest Dispatch. Gentlemen I take this Occasion of recommending to you to regulate the hire of Waggons and Horses in Case the Service should require us at any time to impress either in this Government which I do not doubt but you will think highly Proper and Reasonable when I acquaint you that a short Experience has Shewn that many of the Inhabitants have raised the Price of Carriage Since the begining of these unhappy Disturbances in proportion as they found we Stood in need of their assistance. I must also observe to you that the few men We have been hitherto obliged to Quarter in or March thrô this Province have Occasioned a very extravagant Expence by Reason the Ordinary Keepers refused to Receive any into their houses or afford them Entertainment but at the Rates that have been Settled by the Magistrate of the Respective Counties for Private Travellers and Passangers: These Prices I doubt not you will think too great to be paid for private Soldiers, and you will I hope regulate them by a Bill in a Moderate and Reasonable manner which will Remove all Occasion of Dispute between the Soldiers and the Inhabitants.

> Gentlemen of the Lower house I shall acquaint you by a Message how part of the Six thousand pound which you granted some time Since has been disposed of for the Service and shall be much pleased if my manner of expending it receives your approbation

Adjourned till Monday Morning ten of the Clock

February 24

Monday Morning 24th February 1755. This house met again according to Adjournment

Present

Benjamin Tasher Esq.^r Richard Lee Esq.^r The Honourable | Cof George Plater Benedict Calvert, Esq.^r Cof Benjamin Tasker

Adjourned till three of the Clock in the afternoon

Eodem Die post Meridiem This house met again according to Adjournment Present as in the Morning Adjourned till to Morrow Morning ten of the Clock