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George Plater, and Richard Lee, Esqrs. from the Upper House, acquaint Mr. Speaker, that the Governor requires the Attendance of the Lower House immediately in the Upper House.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and (attended with the rest of the Members of the Lower House) went to the Upper House; where his Excellency made a Speech to both Houses of Assembly.

Mr. Speaker (with the Members of the Lower House) returned, and re-assumed the Chair.

On reading here the Governor's Speech, a Copy of which was delivered by him to Mr. Speaker, contained in the following Words, *viz.*

Gentlemen of the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly,

AS you have already expressed yourselves sufficiently sensible of the fatal Consequences, that must attend the Enemy's remaining Masters of that Part of his Majesty's Dominions to the Westward, on which they have lately presumed to raise Forts, and make Settlements; and have promised that Nothing shall be wanting on your Part, to avert the imminent Danger with which their Vicinity threatens us; it only remains with me now to hope, that you will fall on the most prudent and unexceptionable Measures to raise as large a Sum as the Circumstances of this Province will allow; and generously and gratefully express your Duty to the best of Kings, and your Care and Regard for the Lives and Fortunes of Yourselves and Fellow-Subjects: The Advice and Instructions I have received from home, since our last Meeting, might give me Occasion to enlarge on the tender and paternal Care that his Majesty has been most graciously pleased to shew, for the Security and Welfare of his Subjects in these Parts of his Dominions; but as I am persuaded that I need not attempt to add to the Weight of a Letter, that I have received from one of his Majesty's principal Secretaries of State, which sets, in the strongest Light, that, and the several other Motives, which should prompt us to exert ourselves on this Occasion, I will satisfy myself with laying it before you; and with 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 Waggon and Horses, in Case the Service should require us, at any Time, to impress either in this Government; which I no 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 Beginning 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 through, 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 Magistrates of the respective Counties for private Travellers and Passengers: 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 Pounds, 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.

Ordered, That an Address be prepared to his Excellency thereon, and that the Committee of Laws do prepare and bring in the same.

The Governor having delivered to Mr. Speaker a Letter from Sir *Thomas Robinson*, one of his Majesty's principal Secretaries of State, *Ordered,* That the same be Read, which was accordingly.

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