

The Ingrossed Bills, viz.

N^o. 24. An Act for Amending and Repairing the Public Roads in *Baltimore* County.

N^o. 25. An Act to oblige Infected Ships, and other Vessels, coming into this Province, to perform Quarantine.

N^o. 26. An Act for the Payment of the Public Claims, for emitting Bills of Credit, and for other Purposes therein mentioned.

Were severally Read, and Assented to, and sent to the Upper House, with the Paper Bills, by Messrs. *Graham*, and *Buchanan*.

The following Message, viz.

By the LOWER HOUSE of ASSEMBLY, December 6, 1766.

May it please your HONOURS,

IN Answer to your Message, of this Date, by *B. Calvert*, Esq; when we consider that the Lord Proprietary was requested by the Act of Assembly, lately passed, closing the Paper Currency Office, and appointing Trustees in *London*, to superintend those Trustees, and we look on this only as a Continuance of the same Trust, we do not see the Necessity of joining in any such Address as your Honours have mentioned. However, if your Honours should think otherwise, and will be pleased to prepare such Address, we are willing to join therein.

Signed per Order,

M. MACNEMAHA, Cl. Lo. Ho.

ORDERED, That the following Resolves be entered on the Journal, viz.

THIS House, having at this Session, as well as most others, since the Year 1739, passed a Bill to raise Money, to support an Agent, to be employed by them, at the Court of *London*, to represent their Grievances to his Majesty, and transact the Provincial Affairs, and the same having been constantly refused by the Upper House, and the Journal of Accounts having also been refused by their Honours, ever since the Year 1756, unless this House would make an Allowance, by a Tax on the People, for an Annual Salary to the Clerk of his Lordship's Council of State (over and above his Allowance as Clerk of the Upper House, and over and above his Fees settled by Law in the Year 1747, as Clerk of the Council) contrary to their fixed and settled Opinion; that the said Clerk, his reasonable Reward, as well as every Expence necessarily attending the Execution of the Powers of Government, ought to be defrayed out of the Fines, Forfeitures, Amerciaments, 12 *d.* per Hoghead, and other Monies, received under colour of Law, to defray the Expences of Government, by which Means Public Credit having been greatly injured, and in a Manner annihilated, and the Public Creditors so long kept out of their just Claims, as to be reduced to the greatest Distress, and some of them to a State of Despair, although this Province now hath 30,000 *l.* Capital Stock of the Bank of *England*, a very sufficient Fund to issue Bills of Credit on, to pay those Claims, and give a Circulating Medium to their Commerce, languishing for Want thereof. To remedy these Evils, and promote, as far as in them lies, the Ease and Welfare of the Province, this House having agreed to carry the said Dispute between the Lord Proprietary, and the People, before his Majesty in Council, without any Public Money to pay an Agent, Whether his Lordship should pay the Clerk of the Council, his Claim, and other necessary Expences of Government, out of those Public Revenues? or, Whether the People should be taxed for them, and his Lordship keep all those Public Monies, without Account, to his Private Use? Firmly relying on the Public Virtue and Spirit of their Constituents, that each, and every one, will contribute some Part of his Private Property, for employing an Agent in *London*, to conduct the settling and determining a Matter in which the Country in general is so much interested; more especially, when at the same Time, and for nearly the same Expence, they may likewise procure Relief from other Aggrievances this Province labours under, and particularly the want of a standing Agent at the Court of *Great-Britain*, to be maintained at the Public Charge. RESOLVED THEREFORE, That this House do appoint *Charles Garth*, Esq; lately Special Agent for this Province, their Agent for conducting and managing the Business aforesaid.

RESOLVED, That the Honourable Speaker, *Mr. Murdock*, *Col. Tighman*, *Mr. Ringgold*, *Mr. Johnson*, and *Mr. John Hall* of *Annapolis*, or any Three of them, be a Committee in the Recets of Assembly to correspond with the said *Charles Garth*, Esq; and that the said Committee do prepare, with all possible Dispatch, and transmit to the said Agent, a full State of the Dispute aforesaid, as well as of our other Aggrievances, more especially in relation to the 12 *d.* per Hoghead, and the want of a Public Support for an Agent, and also authenticated Copies of Records, and all other Papers and Matters necessary for carrying on the said Disputes; and that the said Committee of Correspondence lay Copies of their Letters to the said Agent, together with any Letters they may receive from him, before the next Assembly of the Delegates of this Province.

And whereas, for the supplying such Materials as may be necessary for the Purposes aforesaid, it may be deemed requisite by the said Committee, that a thorough Examination and Inspection be made into all the Acts that have been passed relative to the Revenue, and every Branch thereof, and raising and levying Money upon the People in any Manner whatever, towards supporting the executive Powers of Government, together with the cotemporary Journals

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