

this trust, he arrived in London in September, 1783, and remained there till August, 1784, when he sailed for Maryland without having accomplished the object of his agency.—In the succeeding session, the Assembly being informed of his ill success, and of the lawsuits, in which he had been unfortunately, though necessarily engaged, passed an act, in which they approved and ratified the conduct of the Agent, and authorized the Governor and Council to direct, that he should continue his exertions in that capacity, and prosecute the suits with *all vigor and expedition*.

On the implied meaning of these words, the propriety of the late Governor's and Intendant's conduct, seemed to depend, as it was sufficiently obvious, that without money (the basis of all law transactions), it would have been impossible for the Agent to have complied with the directions of the Governor and Council, for prosecuting the business, with either vigor or expedition.

It is to be observed, however, that in the same session a bill had been brought in and passed in the House of Delegates, to advance to the Agent the sum of £.500, sterling, for the same purposes, for which that sum was afterwards advanced by the Intendant: this bill was rejected by the Senate, and consequently, it could not appear to be the intention of the Legislature to advance that sum to the Agent, however liberally the act directing the Suits to be carried on with vigor, &c. might be construed.

This circumstance, if rightly considered, must tend to invalidate one of the reasons assigned in defence of the late Governor for recommending the advance.—That he must otherwise have called the General Assembly, in order to have it made.—Taking that necessity for granted, the disproportion in the expence was very apparent.—But was there really such a necessity?—Or was there a probability, that the Assembly when called, would pass an act which they had so lately refused their assent to?—They might have been wrong in retaining that agent, but surely the Governor could not have been authorized to call them for the express purpose of passing such a law, or as the alternative, to pay the expence of it in force himself.

In the Intendant's report, mention was made of his having retained Mr. Chase and Mr. Stone, as counsel for the State,