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Order the necessary and effectual measures to be taken, and from your Excellencys answer thereto this day received observe that the precaution you have already taken in that respect & your Excellencys resolution that Compulsory Methods shall be used with Such as have not paid due regard to the Intimation you have directed to be given them for which we return you our thanks, We find likewise that so far from any provisionary aid being necessary to the fifteen pence p Hogshhead under our old paper money Law that there is the Strongest probability of a great Saving to the Country on that Act and by our Treasurers accounts there appear upwards of four thousand Pounds of Public Money in their Hands. In Circumstances so favourable, we have Considered the Claims recommended by your Excellency at the Opening of this Session, and those which arose for quartering Soldiers, and Carriage and provisions, in the late War, and with much Labour and Strict Justice liquidated those Accounts, & that those Creditors might have a Speedy payment out of the Public money now locked up in the Treasury, which is much wanted in Circulation, we prepared and Sent to the Upper House, a Bill enabling the Commissioners to pay them immediately out of the Gold and Silver in their Hands. The Gentlemen of the Upper house agreed to the liquidation of those Claims, but returned our Bill with a Negative We likewise prepared and Sent to the Upper House, a Journal of Accounts with an allowance of all just Claims what every Other person appeared to us have against the Public, and were in hopes that by its Passage, and the payment of the whole debt as soon as cou'd well be. Public Credit might be again received but that too their Honours refused. On your Excellencys recommendation in your message of the 19.<sup>th</sup> Instant and a petition of many of our Frontier Inhabitants which then lay before us, Sensibly touched with the Miseries to which those people lie exposed, from the Cruelty of Small Parties of Indians besides the fifty Pounds Bounty allowed by An Act passed this Session for Indian Prisoners and Scalps, which we hope, will in some measure Secure them; we framed a Bill for raising & keeping up a Company of fifty rangers. Exclusive of Officers till the first of October next, But that Bill has been returned to us by the upper House with a Negative, though the designed provision is allowed to be adequate the Military part proposed again to be adopted and as indeed the whole was unexceptionable there have been no reasons given for that Negative.

Thus may it please your Excellency, have we attempted immediately to pay off the Creditors you particularly recommended, in Consideration, no doubt, of the peculiar hardship of their Cases to pay of the whole provincial Debt as Soon as it could be done with tolerable Ease, & thereby restore Public Credit and to provide for the Security and protection of the Back Inhabitants, whose deplorable Circumstances we do most Sincerely & feelingly Commiserate, but our Endeavours having thus proved ineffectual and their being no

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