

APPENDIX

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THE 1762 SUPPLY OR ASSESSMENT BILL

[THE £45,000 SUPPLY BILL FOR HIS MAJESTY'S SERVICE, OR THE ASSESSMENT BILL AS IT WAS COMMONLY CALLED, AFTER IT HAD BEEN PASSED BY THE LOWER HOUSE AT THE 1762 SESSION, WAS REJECTED IN THE UPPER HOUSE, AS HAD BEEN EIGHT SIMILAR SUPPLY BILLS DURING THE PRECEDING FIVE YEARS. THE BILL WAS NOT ENTERED IN THE JOURNAL OF EITHER HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY, AND THE ONLY RECORDED COPY OF IT IS TO BE FOUND IN THE FORM OF A VERY RARE CONTEMPORARY PAMPHLET, OF WHICH ONLY TWO EXAMPLES ARE KNOWN TO EXIST, PRINTED BY JONAS GREEN BY ORDER OF THE LOWER HOUSE, WHICH ON APRIL 20TH, 1762, DIRECTED THE PRINTING OF THE ASSESSMENT BILL "TOGETHER WITH THE SEVERAL MESSAGES RELATIVE THERETO" (P. 148). IT IS REPRINTED HERE FROM THE COPY IN THE MARYLAND HISTORICAL SOCIETY. IT APPEARS IN THE FORM OF A QUARTO PAMPHLET OF SIXTY-FOUR PAGES. THE TITLE PAGE AND MESSAGES BETWEEN THE TWO HOUSES COMPOSE THE FIRST TEN NUMBERED PAGES OF THIS PAMPHLET. THEN FOLLOWS THE ADDRESS OF THE UPPER HOUSE TO GOVERNOR SHARPE ON FOUR UNNUMBERED PAGES. FOLLOWING THIS IS THE ASSESSMENT BILL ITSELF ON PAGES NUMBERED 11 TO 59. IT WOULD APPEAR THAT THE UPPER HOUSE ADDRESS TO SHARPE WITHOUT PAGINATION WAS INSERTED AS A PART OF THE PAMPHLET AFTER THE MESSAGES BETWEEN THE TWO HOUSES AND THE BILL ITSELF HAD BEEN PRINTED BY ORDER OF THE LOWER HOUSE. IT WOULD BE INTERESTING TO KNOW WHETHER THIS WAS DONE WITHOUT THE KNOWLEDGE AND APPROVAL OF THE LOWER HOUSE.—EDITOR'S NOTE.]

A Bill for raising a Supply for His Majesty's Service: Which was framed by the Lower House of Assembly of the Province of Maryland, at a session held at the city of Annapolis, in March 1762, and rejected by the Upper House. To which is prefixed all the messages which passed between the two Houses, relating thereto.

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