

L. H. J.
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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 sometime 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 M.^r Speaker a Letter from Sir Thomas Robinson one of his Majestys principal Secretaries of State, Ordered That the same be Read, which was accordingly.

p. 28 Ordered that Sir Thomas Robinsons Letter be Entered on the Journal of this House. In Pursuance of the Order . . . of the House the following Letter is Entered viz.^t

Duplicate
Sir

Whitehall 26th Octo^r 1754.

Having informed you in my Letter of July 5th that the King had under his Royal Consideration the State of Affairs in North America I am now to acquaint you that amongst other Measures that are thought proper for the Defence of his Majestys Just Rights and Dominions in those parts the King has not only been pleased to Order Two Regiments of Foot Consisting of Five hundred Men Each Besides Commissioned and Non Commissioned Officers Comanded by Sir Peter Halket & Col^o Dunbar to Repair to Virginia & to be there augmented to the Number of 700. Each, but likewise to send Orders to Gov^r Shirley and Sir Will^m Pepperell to Raise Two Regiments whereof they are Respectively appointed Colonels of 1000 Men Each and also to sign Commissions for a Number of Officers to Serve in the said Two Regiments and who will forthwith Repair to North America for that Purpose.