

A sufficient Number of Delegates, to compose the Lower House of Assembly, having met at the Stadt-House, Ordered, That M.^r John Goldsborough and M.^r Robert Lloyd do acquaint his Excellency therewith.

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They return and acquaint M.^r Speaker with their having delivered the Message.

Col. Hammond, and Samuel Chamberlaine, Esq; from the Upper House, acquaint M.^r Speaker, That the Governor requires the Attendance of the Lower House immediately in the Upper House.

M.^r Speaker left the Chair, and with the rest of the Members of the Lower House attended the Governor in the Upper House; where his Excellency made the following Speech, viz.

Gentlemen of the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly,

I have been obliged to call you together, before the Time to which you were Prorogued at the Conclusion of the last Session, by some Letters that I have lately received from one of his Majesty's principal Secretaries of State, and the Earl of Loudoun: By the first I am required to recommend it to you in a particular Manner to make Provision, out of the Fund that is already raised in this Province, for repaying the Masters of such Indented Servants as have been entertained or may enlist in his Majesty's Forces, the Money paid by the said Masters upon the original Contract, in Proportion to the Time such Indented Servant had or may have to serve at the Time of their engaging in his Majesty's Service: That these are his Majesty's Instructions and Expectations, you will see by one of the Letters that will be laid before you; and as nothing but the Interest of your Constituents seems to be consulted thereby, I doubt not but you will, out of Regard to them, as well as in Obedience to his Majesty's Commands, readily appropriate to this Use part of the Sum which was lately granted for his Majesty's Service, and is yet unexpended. By the Earl of Loudoun's Letter, you will find, that the present Situation of Affairs on this Continent lays his Lordship under a Necessity of conjuring and requiring you, in the most earnest and importunate Manner, to levy a Number of Men in this Colony, with the utmost Expedition, for the Regiment which his Majesty has graciously ordered to be raised in America, for the Defence of these Colonies. What makes his Lordship so urgent, and induces him to press you for a Number of Recruits at this Juncture, rather than Aid in any other Shape, you will learn from his Letter: And as his Majesty has signified his Pleasure, and expects you will apply the Money that you have raised or may grant for the Public Service, as the Commander in Chief of his Majesty's Forces on the Continent shall direct, I persuade myself you will not hesitate to appropriate Part of the Money already Granted, in the Manner that his Lordship requires, especially as you must all be convinced, that by

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