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Plan of mutual Assistance, and Defence is that by which the Forces raised in the respective Governments are subjected to one Direction in their Military Operations; this our most gracious Sovereign has been pleased to appoint by his Commission to the Earl of Loudoun, and we can't but express our Concern that so necessary a Regulation should in this Province, not only not be received with the most dutiful Professions of Gratitude but that even the Royal Power thus exercised for our Benefit should be questioned or counteracted, we shall not trouble your Excellency with a tedious Detail of all the Imperfections of this Bill, our main Purpose being only to acquit ourselves of the Charge of having rejected a Bill calculated for his Majesty's Service which we apprehend must appear at the first Glance to have an opposite Tendency and to be palpably inconsistent with the Duty we owe to our King and Country

We are extremely sorry no Provision has been made at the public Expence for quartering his Majesty's Troops, the Petition preferred by the Corporation of Annapolis, received all imaginable Countenance and Dispatch with us, & when we found that it was rejected by the Lower House, and there was no Probability of their sending us a Bill for the End mentioned in this Application we prepared and sent them one which underwent the same Fate with every other Proposition for this Purpose

We hope your Excellency will excuse the Trouble we have given you by this Address to vindicate our Conduct and assure you of the very grateful Sense, we have of our most gracious Sovereign's paternal Care of his American Subjects, and that to the utmost of our Ability, as a Duty indispensably incumbent upon us, we shall embrace every Opportunity of distinguishing ourselves by our Loyalty, advancing the genuine Interests of our Country, and promoting the common Cause

16. Dec. 1757.

B. Tasker President

Ordered that the Clerk of this House give the Printer a Copy of the Bill for lessening the Allowances with the Amendments proposed by the Lower House thereto, and the Messages that have passed thereon, and that he be directed to print the same

Benedict Calvert and Daniel Dulany Esq.^{rs} are sent to the Lower House to acquaint the Speaker that his Excellency requires his immediate Attendance with the Lower House in the Upper House to see the Bills passed both Houses this Session receive the Assent

The Lower House attend, and by their Speaker present to his Excellency the following Bills

A supplementary Act to an Act entituled, an Act to enable the Justices of Baltimore County Court to assess and levy on the taxable Inhabitants of S.^t George's Parish in that County a Sum of Money for the Uses therein mentioned