

A Bill entituled, *An Act to impower and direct the Clerk of Baltimore County Court, to Record among the said County Records, a Deed of Bargain and Sale from Isaac Johns, deceased, to Robert Adair*; was Read the first and second Time, by an especial Order, and will pass, and was sent to the Upper House, by Major Hall, and Mr. Beall.

The following Message, viz.

By the Lower House of Assembly, March 14, 1755.

May it please your Honours,

WE are much concern'd to find, that after so long Consideration of the Bill sent your Honours by this House, on the first Instant, under the Title of *An Act for raising a Supply towards his Majesty's Service*, you have thought fit, with your Message of the 10th, to return it with a Negative; and that with Reasons, which instead of inclining us to form any other, rather convince us of the Propriety and Utility of that Bill, and that your Refusal of it in our Opinion is not justified.

We must presume, cou'd your Honours have found any Reasons to evince, that the issuing and making current 4015 *l.* 6*s.* in the Manner proposed in our Bill, manifestly tended to depreciate our Paper Currency, (the Credit of which, we agree, ought to be supported by each Branch of the Legislature, for many obvious and weighty Reasons), you wou'd have given them to us, instead of your bare Persuasion to that Purpose. However, being desirous this Matter shou'd appear in its true Light, we must observe, that as the Sum above mentioned, (admitting it to be all issued on one Draught, which can hardly be supposed), will only increase the principal Stock of Paper Currency, until the Sum of 5984 *l.* 14*s.* shall be paid into the Office, including about 1000 *l.* now therein unappropriated, which by Means of the Bill your Honours have this Session passed, *For speedily calling in the Interest Money due to the Province on Loans, and the several Funds appropriated to that Purpose*, must undoubtedly be done in a few Months; after which all Monies that shall be paid into the Office are to be retained, and, at each respective Session of Assembly after the Payment thereof, burnt, until the Sum of 4015 *l.* 6*s.* shall be destroyed; we are at a Loss to conceive, how so small an Increase of the principal Stock, and that for so short a Time, and without any Manner of Alteration of the original Plan, upon which the Paper Currency was established and emitted, shou'd in the least depreciate it.

We cannot see the Necessity of calling in the several Sums now out on Loan to answer the Purposes of the Bill, and if there were any, the Reasons for your Apprehension, that it wou'd in any Proportion lessen the Security or Fund of our Currency, are beyond our Conception, as your Honours have already, this Session, pass'd a Bill, (and we must presume, without the least Apprehension of that Kind), *for the speedy calling in the Interest due to the Province, on all Sums out on Loan*, which, in its Consequences, will probably bring in several of the principal Sums with it.

Your Objection, that the Ordinary Licence Fund is too far mortgaged to be subjected to the Payment of other Monies, might indeed have some Weight, if the several Sums of Money heretofore granted, and paid out of the Loan Office, were to be replaced therein by that Fund only; but if your Honours will be pleased to consider, that by a late Act for his Majesty's Service, and this Bill, several new and additional Duties, Imposts, and Taxes are laid, which, together with the Ordinary Licence Fund, will raise annually, upon the most moderate Calculation, the Sum of 2000 *l.* you must surely be convinc'd, that these several Duties, together with that Fund, will be more than sufficient to replace all the Monies heretofore, and by this Bill, proposed to be issued and paid out of the Loan Office, by the Time of sinking our Paper Currency, that the Public can suffer no Loss by Means of the Monies not being replaced by that Time, and that therefore the Fines and Forfeitures accruing on Ordinary Licences are not too far mortgaged. We shall not now take Notice of the Irregularity of your Remark on a Message of the late House of Delegates, but cannot help remembering that your Honours, in July last, were fully convinced, that the Ordinary Licence Fund was not too far engaged to be made liable, with other Duties, to the Payment of so large a Sum as 6000 *l.* and here we must observe, that as you then passed an Act for his Majesty's Service, by which the Ordinary Licence Act was expressly continued, and the Monies arising from thence appropriated, in the same Manner that is proposed by the present Bill, we can't conceive what other Motives you can now have to object to this Appropriation of them, but since you are pleased to tell us you have, we must presume they are of greater weight than what you have already urged, and perhaps those on which you principally found your Objection to this Part of our Bill.