

To his Excellency HORATIO SHARPE, Esq; Governor and Commander in Chief in and over the Province of MARYLAND :

The humble ADDRESS of the UPPER HOUSE of ASSEMBLY.

May it please your EXCELLENCY,

A REPORT which hath been made to us by a Committee of both Houses, appointed this Session to Inspect the Office and Proceedings of the Commissioners for Emitting Bills of Credit, having given us Room to apprehend, that some of the Naval Officers, whose Business it was to collect the Duty of 15 d. per Hogshead, pursuant to the Paper Currency Act, and to remit the same to the Trustees in London for the Purchase of Bank Stock on Account of this Province, have been negligent in the Discharge of their Duty, and that in particular one of them has failed to remit to the said Trustees sundry Sums of Money he must have collected by Virtue of the above mentioned Acts, and that large Arrears are due from him to the Province, that such Steps may be taken for procuring Satisfaction to the Public, as your Excellency may think the Nature of the Case may require, we think it incumbent on us to represent the same to your Excellency; and that you may see whence our Apprehensions arise, we take the Liberty herewith to present to your Excellency the Committee's Report.

BENJA. TASKER, President.

Maryland, ff.

April 23d, 1761.

At a COMMITTEE of both HOUSES of ASSEMBLY appointed to Inspect the Office and Proceedings of the Commissioners for Emitting Bills of Credit, established by Act of Assembly,

WERE PRESENT,

The Honourable BENEDICT CALVERT, Esq; of the Upper House.

Mr. WALTER DULANY,  
Mr. BRICE T. B. WORTHINGTON,  
Mr. JOHN HANSON, junior,  
Mr. JOSIAS BEALL, junior,  
Mr. JOHN TRUEMAN STODDERT,  
Mr. THOMAS RINGGOLD. } of the Lower House.

Who make Choice of and Appoint the Honourable BENEDICT CALVERT, Esq; Chairman; and Robert Couden their Clerk; and agree to make the following Report:

YOUR Committee having carefully examined and inspected the Accounts relative to the Fund in England, established by Act of Assembly for sinking the Bills of Credit of this Province, do find, that the Trustees in England have transmitted their Account to the Commissioners of the Loan-Office, dated London, the 15th March, 1760, acknowledging £. 27500 Capital Stock in the Bank of England, in their Names belonging to this Province, which, by the said Account, cost £. 36245 Sterling Cash. Your Committee likewise further find by the same Account a Ballance due of 484 l. 11 s. 11 d. Sterling in the Bank not converted into Capital Stock. Your Committee also take Leave to set forth a Paragraph of the said Trustees Letter, dated London, March 15th, 1760, accompanying said Account in the following Words: " All the Bills of Exchange that are come to our Hands are paid, except Two, remitted to us from Mr. Richard Lee, one for 226 l. 14 s. the other 150 l. dated the 22d of September, 1759, by Daniel Campbell, payable at 90 Days Sight to the Order of Daniel of St. Thomas Jenifer, Value received of him in Tobacco, on John Stuart and Company; which Two Bills do not become payable until the Sixteenth of next Month, and are Indorsed by said Lee to William Hunt, or Order, for the Use of the Province of Maryland. We think it our Obligation to give you this Information, that you may judge whether or no it is consistent with your Law made for issuing and paying your Paper Currency. If the Collectors send us such Bills for that Account, we know not how we can avoid them when they come into our Hands, and if it is to be remedied, it must be done by your Government only."

Your Committee also further find the following Bills, appearing by the Naval Officers Accounts to have been remitted by them to the Trustees in London, for which the said Trustees have given no Credit, viz.

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