

The following Address being prepared, is ordered to be entered, *viz.*

By the HOUSE of DELEGATES, *May 13, 1715.*

UPON Perusal of 26th Article of her late Majesty's Instructions concerning the Twelve-pence per Hoghead, given for the Use and Support of the Government of this Province, to be applied by your Excellency in the Manner as in the said Article is directed; and, on Perusal of the Accounts of *John Rousby*, Esq; one of the Officers that collected 3*d.* per Hoghead, Part of the said 12*d.* applied for purchasing Arms and Ammunition for the Province, in *Patuxent* District. It appears, that for many Years by-past, that Part of the said Impost, applied for Arms, has been very much impaired, and the Ends for which it was designed, in a great Measure frustrated, by reason of the extravagant Salary of a Hundred Pounds Sterling *per Annum*, taken out of that 3*d.* by the said *John Rousby*, as Receiver of the said 12*d.* in *Patuxent* District. This House humbly offers unto your Excellency, that the said Duty of 12*d.* per Hoghead is not chargeable with that Salary, but rather that the Fines and Forfeitures arising in this Province, if duly collected and applied, are sufficient to defray the Charge of the Collection of the Revenue in all the Districts of this Province. And, whereas this House has been informed, that, besides the said *John Rousby*, one or more are appointed Receivers of the Revenue in this Province. It is further proposed, That the Number of Officers, for the said Collection of 12*d.* be reduced to One: And we, likewise, with all Submission, pray, that your Excellency will be pleased to communicate to us, in such Manner as shall seem most meet and expedient to your Excellency, who are the present Collectors of his Majesty's Revenue, in all the Districts of this Province, by what Authority they have or do receive the same, and how they are paid their respective yearly Salaries. All which, it is hoped, will tend to the Redress of the Misapplication of that Part of the said 12*d.* Applied for Arms, &c. and put this House in a Condition of judging in pursuance of the 27th Article of the said Instructions. What is further necessary to be done for the Support of this Government, for the Honour and Maintainance of which, we think ourselves very nearly concerned, and shall be ready upon all Occasions to give Demonstration of the same.

Signed per Order,

THOMAS MACNEMARA, Cl. Lo. Ho.

Sent up to his Excellency the Governor and Council, by Mr. *Tyler*, Col. *Mackall*, Col. *Maxfield*, Major *Wilson*, Major *Woolford*, Col. *Herman*, Mr. *Blay*, and Capt. *Harris*. They return and say they delivered the said Address.

Col. *Thomas Addison*, and Col. *Richard Tilghman*, from the Hon. Council, deliver Mr. Speaker, the following Message, *viz.*

By his EXCELLENCY the GOVERNOR and COUNCIL, in ASSEMBLY,
May, 14, 1715.

GENTLEMEN,

IN Answer to your Message, by Mr. *Tyler*, and several others, relating to the Revenue, we acquaint you, That his Excellency, and this Board, do concur with your House; that the Revenue of the one Moiety of 2*s.* per Hoghead on Tobacco, exported, being wholly appropriated by his most sacred Majesty, ought not to be burthened with the Payment of any Salary to his Majesty's Receivers, but that their Salaries ought to be paid out of the Fines and Forfeitures, falling in this Province. And if the said Fines and Forfeitures, shall not be sufficient therefor, then, it may be adviseable to consider of the Twenty-seventh Article of his Excellency's Instructions, communicated to you.

We likewise concur with you, that the Number of the said Receivers be reduced to One, and acquaint you, that we know of no other Receivers of his Majesty's said Revenue, but Mr. *John Rousby*, and Mr. *John Dansey*, who act by the Authority of the Government here, being appointed to those Offices, on the Death of *George Plater*, and *George Muschampe*, Esqrs. formerly appointed to those Offices by the Crown; but since that his Majesty's Surveyor General has a particular Authority over the Officers of the Revenue here, and is now daily expected, his Excellency will take care on his Arrival, to settle this Matter with him.

In the mean Time, he has given Orders to the several Clerks of the County Courts, to return him by the First of *September* next, an Account of all Fines and Forfeitures.

Mr. *Dansey's* Accounts of the Three-pence per Hoghead for Arms, and of the Fines and Forfeitures are herewith sent you.

Signed per Order,

W. BLADEN, Cl. Council.

Which was read the First Time, and ordered to lie on the Table.

Mr. *Wright*, from the Committee of Accounts, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker, the Journal of Accounts, with the List of Debts, that accrued on Account of the late War, annexed thereto; which were read and assented to, and sent to the Upper-House, by the Gentlemen of the Committee of Accounts.

D. Dulany, Esq; from the Upper House, delivers to Mr. Speaker, the Paper Bill, entitled, *An Act to empower the Justices of Somerset County, to levy on the Taxable Inhabitants of Somerset Parish, in the said County, the Quantity of 144,000 lb of Tobacco, for the Uses therein mentioned, and the Paper*