

County by which Means the Arms in the Custody of Major Ringold will also be within that County, and they then have no pretence to refuse payment of the Moiety of the Charge  
Signed p<sup>r</sup> Order Iohn LLewellin Cl of Assembly.

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The honourable the Secretary and Captain Digges return from the Lower house and—

This house Adjourns for half an hour

Mett again as before—

A Message from the Lower house by M<sup>r</sup> Iohn Rousby and Coll: George Wells, which they deliver in writing as foll: & return to their house Viz<sup>t</sup>

Lower house 13th May 1682.

This house have sent to the upper house their Bill against false Package of Tobacco and Tare of hhds with a Bill from this house against the Abuse in the Tare of hhds and do assure the Upper house that they have had Severall and many Debates from time to time concerning false package of Tobacco and Severall Committees, and a Law drawn up by Our Own Committee, but at last could not agree of the way to remedy this abuse But do leave it to be the first thing Considered at the next Sessions of Ass<sup>ly</sup>

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Signed p<sup>r</sup> Order Tho Grunwin Cl of the Lower house.

Ordered that the Bill drawn up by this house Prohibiting unreasonable Tares of hhds &c. be recorded in this Journall according to the Vote of this house Yesterday Viz<sup>t</sup>

An Act Prohibiting unreasonable Tares of Hogsheads and for punishing false package of Tobacco—

Jt being Manifest that the great Quantities of Tobacco Planted in this Province and Our Neighbouring Plantation, and the false & Deceitfull packages of hhds which contain it Together with the Excessive Tares of the said hhds have not only Glutted all Marketts with bad Tobacco but hath wearied the Merchant out of the Trade by false package and unreasonable Tares, So that Sufficient Necessarys and Clothing for the People of this Province is not imported as formerly was usuall, To the end therefore the Quantity be Lessened, the Quality Ammended, and Consequently the Mutuall Confidence between the Merchant and Planter may restore Our Trade now ruined and Decayed; Your Lordships two houses of Assembly Do pray that it may be Enacted, And be it Enacted by the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary of this Province