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Journal. under the Penalty of losing his Debt and being fined to our Lord the King five p^{ds} Sterl. Whereof one half to the Informer and the other half to the Vestry of Such Parish where such ordinary is kept.

Signed p order W Bladen Cl Counl

Sent to the House by Col Lloyd and M^r Brooke together with a Bill read at this Board for the Naturalization of Hermanns Schee and others

Then came M^r Lloyd and M^r Muschamp with the following answer from the House to the Message sent yesterday about the 14^d p Ton

Viz. March the 19th 1701

By the House of Delegates

May it Please your Excellency

In answer to the latter Part of Excellencys Message by Col Hammond and Col Lloyd relating to the 14^d p Ton This House have made Strict Search and Enquiry into the Original Laws and some Journals of Assembly for discovery of the same and what discovery is made relating thereto. This House recommends to your Excellency for Perusal of such matters as appear with direction to the Gentlemen by whom
p. 200 this comes to produce and shew the particular Law and Minutes thereof with some Remarks thereupon since and if your Excellency please to command any Members of the House that may give any further Light therein they shall be ready to attend your Excellency when your Excellency shall see convenient

Signed p order W Taylard Cl Ho. Del

The said M^r Lloyd and M^r Muschamp leave a Transcript of an old Book of Laws made Anno Domini wherein is a Law stiled an Act for Port Dutys and Masters of Ships which is as followeth

Be it Enacted by the Lord Proprietary with the Assent of the Upper and Lower Houses of this present General Assembly that all Vessels whatsoever not properly belonging to this Province having a deck flush fore and Aft coming in and Trading within the Province shall pay for Port Dutys or Anchorage half a Pound of Powder and three Pounds of Shot or so much in Value for every Ton of Burthen to the Lord Proprietary and his Heirs

And be it further Enacted that all masters of Ships and Other Vessels as af^d coming into the Province to trade shall give Bond of three thous^d pounds of Tob^o within ten days