

By the house of Delegates  
Maij 1<sup>o</sup> 1704

P. R. O.

This Lre hath been here read and approued to be sent our agent in England, To which this house prayes the Councils concurrence

Signed p order

W Taylard Cl house Del

and ordered the following message be here Entered

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May itt please yo<sup>r</sup> Excy

Your Excy will see by the Letter wee haue propose to be sent to his late Excy Coff Blakiston our agent th<sup>t</sup> wee haue desired him to renew our humble prayer on behalfe of our unfortunate brethren that lye under Navigaōn bonds, and because wee are fully assured of yo<sup>r</sup> Excys good resolutions to promote the interest of the Province, and relieue the Distressed, wee humbly pray yo<sup>r</sup> Excy to lett yo<sup>r</sup> great and good interest att court be applyed to our Agents Assistance in this important Matter, in such Manner as to yo<sup>r</sup> wisdome shall appeare most proper

Signed p order W Taylard Cl house Del

Putt to the Question whe<sup>r</sup> importers of Liquors att the head of the bay to be carried to Virginia, are obliedged to pay a part of the Duty of the 3<sup>d</sup> p Gallon or not

Resolved that all importers, that import and carry Liquors thro' the Bay shall be obliedged to pay the fourth part of the Duty for Debenture, and the Navall officer is by the House obliedged and Strictly Enjoined to take bonds of all importers w<sup>th</sup> securityes with condition that such importers, shall not vend or sell such Liquors, or any part of itt in this Province

M<sup>r</sup> John Smith humbly prayes Leauē of the house that he may be pmitted to goe home, in the morneing, alleadgeing his brother is very ill, his care and Due attendance being considered by this house, he has Liberty to Depart accordingly

George Muschamp Esq<sup>r</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Jacob Lookerman, M<sup>r</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Whittington & M<sup>r</sup> Matthias Vanderheyden sent up to his Excy & Council with a Lre to his Late Excy Coff Blakiston our agent and a Message threcon

They returne and Say they Delivered the Same

Resolved that Collonell Nathan<sup>l</sup> Blakiston be allowed & p. 38 paid for his Agency the sumē of one hundred and Twenty pounds for his agency to the first of October next, and that the said Coff Blakiston be paid three pounds Ster for soe much by him Disbursed for the use of the country.

Ordered that the Committee of accounts note the same upon there Journall.