

And M<sup>r</sup> Speaker is desired by the house to Answer his P. R. O. Ex<sup>cy</sup>s Letter which followeth viz<sup>t</sup>

May it please yo<sup>r</sup> Ex<sup>cy</sup>

Your Letters sent by Coll<sup>l</sup> John Addison and Thomas Brooke Esq<sup>r</sup> relating to tobb<sup>o</sup> in hogsheads wee received wherein we observe yo<sup>r</sup> Ex<sup>cy</sup> is sencible of Some disadvantage by the great Weight of them soe that you have not the full benefitt of yo<sup>r</sup> Revenue arriseing upon hogsheads of tobb<sup>o</sup> and yett that yo<sup>r</sup> Ex<sup>cy</sup> is pleased to have them weigh five hundred it were very difficult how to proporcōn payment according to the particular weight of every hogshead and wee beleiving by good Computation that hogsh<sup>ds</sup> not exceeding the lawfull gauge (considering that more are under the gauge) will not one with another Containe five hundred pounds of Tobb<sup>o</sup> and for Preventeing future disadvantage to yo<sup>r</sup> Ex<sup>cy</sup> and others by the unreasonableness of casque, wee are preparing a Bill to remedy it.

Ordered that Maj<sup>r</sup> Walter Smith and M<sup>r</sup> Thom<sup>s</sup> Hicks carry the answer to his Ex<sup>cy</sup> and the bill for quoting differences between the English and Indians &c<sup>a</sup> and the Ordinance for the printeing press.

They returne and say they have delivered their Message

The Peticon of M<sup>r</sup> Phillip Lynes recomended to this house referred till tomorrow morning.

The Act for quoting differences that may arrise between his Maj<sup>ty</sup>s Subjects and the Indians.

Read the 2<sup>d</sup> time and Passed

Report of the Comitte of agrievances referred to this day day Now Read as Follow viz<sup>t</sup>.

1<sup>st</sup> That it appeares to this Committee that there is Sev<sup>ll</sup> Parishes in the provinces that have yearly paid the 40 ppoll and yett have noe ministers to officiate which is an aggrievance to the people churches being allready built

2<sup>dly</sup> It appeares to us that my Lords Officers doe not take care to appointe deputy Survey<sup>rs</sup> in each respective Co<sup>ty</sup> that are dwellers in the said County w<sup>ch</sup> wee conceive it an agrievance and an Excessive charge to the inhabitants thereof

3<sup>dly</sup> It appears to us That whereas Gerrard Sly of St Marys Countys peticon is referred to us and whereas the Comon Law has tooke his regular course and that neither Gerrard Sly nor any one for him has come to make appeare what is sett forth in his peticōn wee referr it to this Honoble houses consideration

That according to Order of this hono<sup>ble</sup> house wee have been and viewed the house of Maj<sup>r</sup> Edward Dorsey and finde fo. 40