

M^r James Hay A member for St. Marys Citty M^r Nic^o Lowe P. R. O.
A member for Talbot County and M^r Hugh Eccleston for B. T. Md.
Dorchester County enters the house. Vol. 17.

Orderd that M^r W^m Aisquith and M^r Peter Watts Attend them to see them sworne in Counc^l

They returne and say they have seen them sworne signe the test & oath of Abjuration

Then was read what was done Yesterday.

The house now proceed to debate the following Article.

11 Article for encouragem^t of Importacon of rum &c. being read.

Its resolvd by the house that its proper to give encouragem^t as proposd by this Article by Exempting the inhabitants of this province (who shall buy or build Vessells) from some duty's as others are lyable to Viz^t

1. Resolved the inhabitants be exempted from 3^d p Gallon
2. That they be exempt from the duty upon negroes and

White Servants

3^d And that All such Shipps & Vessells belonging to the inhabitants shall pay but ½ Officers fees as others doe.

12. That A law be made for preventing the importacon of rum bread beer Flower &c. by land being debated.

Resolved by the house that beer bread English and Indian Graine horses Mares & tobacco be totally prohibited to continue for three yeares.

Likewise Resolvd that A duty be layd upon rume Spiritts wine and brandy.

Put to the Vote whither the duty shalbe Six pence or Nine pence Sterling p Gallon

Carryd by Majority of Voices that it be 9^d p Gallon

And resolvd that all duty's on pensilvania Comodity's shall be paid in the Currant money of this province And that the navall officers shalbe oblidg'd to receive the same in ready money And that the Navall Officers take An oath to see this law put in Execution

13. Relating to the Piscattaway and Accokick Indians was read, And the house finding this Article wholly to relate to his Ex^{cy} the Govern^r Therefore his Ex^{cy} is desird to take such measures therein as he shall thinke most proper to bring the said Indians to payment of their tribute And to know What their Alliances are.

The other Articles are referrd to A further consideration

Proposed by A member whither it be not Convenient to make A law for encouragem^t of tillage

Debated but referrd to A further Consideracon

The honob Robert Smith Esq^r & Iohn Hamond Esq^r enters the house and delivers M^r Speaker the following mess