

L. H. J. said 12^d applied for purchasing Arms and Ammunition for this Province in Patuxent District it appears that for many Years by past that Part of the said Impost applied for Arms has been very much impaired and the Ends for which it was designed in a great Measure frustrated by Reason of the extravagant Salary of a hundred Pounds Sterling p Annum taken out of that three Pence by the said John Rousby as Receiver of the said 12^d in Patuxent District. This House humbly offers unto your Excellency that the said Duty of 12^d p Hhd is not chargeable with that Salary; but rather that the Fines and Forfeitures arising in this Province if duly collected and applied are Sufficient to defray the Charge of the Collection of the Revenue in all the Districts of this Province; And whereas this House has been informed that besides the said John Rousby one or more are appointed Receivers of the Revenue in this Province, It is further proposed that the Number of Officers for the said Collection of 12^d be reduced to one. And we likewise with all Submission pray that your Excellency will be pleased to communicate to us in such Manner as shall seem most meet and expedient to your Excellency who are the present Collectors of his Majesty's Revenue in all the Districts of this Province by what Authority they have or do receive the same and how they are paid their respective Yearly Salaries. All which (it is hoped) will tend to the Redress of the Misapplication of that Part of the said 12^d applied for Arms &^{ta} and put this House in a Condition of judging in Pursuance of the 27th Article of the said Instructions what is further necessary to be done for the Support of this Governm^t for the Honour and Maintenance of which we think ourselves very nearly concerned and shall be ready upon all Occasions to give Demonstration of the same.

Signed p order Tho Macnemara Cl. Ho. Del.

Sent up to his Excellency the Governor and Council by M^r Tyler, Col^o Mackall Col^o Maxfield, Major Wilson, Major Woolford, Col^o Herman, M^r Blay and Capt. Harris.

They return and say they delivered the said Address

M^r Thomas Bordley from the Committee of Laws delivers M^r Speaker an ingrossed Bill prohibiting the Importation of Bread Beer &^{ca} Horses and Mares from Pensylvania.

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Saturday Morning 14th May 1715

The House met according to Adjournment. Present as on Yesterday