

By the House of Delegates
June the first 1715

L. H. J.

May it please your Excellency,

We heartily condole the Loss of our late Lord Propry not only as a generous Landlord, but a general Friend to this Province.

We likewise congratulate his present Lordship on the Descent of his Propship upon him to whom we wish a long and happy Enjoyment of it and assure your Excellency it is no small Satisfaction to us to find that on his late Lordship's Decease he is succeeded by a Protestant Son of that great Character your Excy has always given him; nor can we be unmindful of your Excellency's Care and Favour towards us in so speedily communicating to us the Opportunity your Excellency has of making us easy in the Affair of our Land Rents which is of so great Concern to his Lordship and this Province; for which we return your Excellency our most hearty Thanks. And since your Excellency has been pleased to intimate his Lordship does not design to stand to the Agreement formerly made with his Ancestors in that Respect as the Case of Tob^o Hhds now stands: We humbly propose to lay an Impost of 18^d St^g p Hhd. being of the Gauge of 32 Inches in the Head within the Crose, not exceeding 37 Inches in the Bulge and 48 Inches in the Length of the Stave for his Majesty towards defraying the publick Charge of this Province which we resolve to apply to his Lordship's use if his Lordship will be pleased to accept thereof as an Equivalent for taking his Land-Rents and Fines for Alienations within this Province (as his Noble Father did) in Tobacco at two Pence Sterling p Pound during his natural Life, and humbly pray your Excellency will be pleased to assist us in recommending the same to his Lordship. We persuade ourselves that his Lordship thinks it is his Interest to consult the Welfare of this Province as his noble Ancestors did; and towards the Support of the Government we are also willing to make an Advance of three Pence Sterling p Hhd of Tobacco exported of the aforesaid Gauge in Consideration of it's being so enlarged as a just and reasonable Compensation therefor & without which the Revenue would be very much diminished & impaired and as in the former Laws to prepare a Petitionary Bill for both the same Imposts under the same Proviso as soon as your Excellency will be pleased to notify your Approbation.

Signed p Order Tho^s Macnemara Cl. Ho. Del.

The same is sent up to his Excy the Governor by M^r Tyler, Col^o Mackall, Major Wilson, Major Philips, Col^o Maxfield, M^r