

U. H. J. That Six months time is thought notice Enough for the Law to take place And that there may be an Exemption for the Duty on negros imported by Vessels wholly owned by the Inhabitants of this Province

Signed p order W Bladen Cl Up Ho.

And sent to the Lower House by Col Ennalls Col Young Mr Hall Col Whittington & Col Smith

Leave was given Col Addison, Philemon Lloyd Esq<sup>r</sup> & L<sup>t</sup> Col Tilghman to go home on particular occasions & return Monday next God Willing

His Excellency communicates to this House the following Letter from M<sup>r</sup> Char<sup>s</sup> Carrol his Ldships Agent Viz.

Annapolis July the 28<sup>th</sup> 1716

May It please your Excellency

I hope it will not look improper I inform your Excellency that I understand the Officers through whose Hands the money to be paid the Lord Propry in Compensation of his Rents & for Support of Government has passed do intend to burthen the s<sup>d</sup> Revenue with a discount of Eight p Cent & five p Cent If so the Lord Propry will fall short of the Compensation proposed by the Country by so much as the said Discounts will amount unto which will be very considerable and which I have reason to believe he does not expect This I intimate that such measures may be taken as shall be thought fit to have the Revenue come to his Lordship without such an unexpected Defalcation

I am your Excellency's most humble Servant

Charles Carrol

His Excellency Says that the Lord Benedict dying before he could declare his Acceptance of the 18<sup>d</sup> p hh<sup>d</sup> on the Terms in the Law proposed is the occasion that the s<sup>d</sup> Duty was not received by his Ldships Receivers

And forasmuch as the Assembly has appointed a Reward for those Officers that have collected that Duty who have done their Office & must be Satisfyed therefore He is of opinion some reasonable Recompence ought to be made the present Lord Proprietary for the Defalcation of the Officers' Sallary since Michaelmas last

Resolved that his Excellency's Opinion is highly reasonable & that such Recompence to be made to his Lordship be recommended to the Lower House to consider of the Ways & means and thereupon the s<sup>d</sup> Letter with a Message to the