

Post Meridiem

U. H. J.

The Upper House met Present

His Excellency the Governour

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| Col W ^m Coursey | John Hall Esq ^r |
| Col Tho ^s Ennalls | Col W ^m Whittington |
| L ^t Col Young | Col Tho ^s Smith |

Col Hoskins & fourteen more members of the Lower House brought up the following Message Viz.

By the Lower House of Assembly
July the 28th, 1716

May it please your Excellency and Honours

The Purport of your Message of the 24th Instant by the honble Tho^s Brooke Esq^r & nine other of the members of the Upper House requiring the utmost deliberation has been the reason the same has been so long deferred. This House having considered of two proposals therein made by order of the Right Honble the Lord Propy about our Land Rents has Resolved to lay an Additional Duty of Sixpence Sterl p^r hh^d of tob^o to be paid his Lordship in full recompence of the s^d Land Rents & Fines for Alienations, And forasmuch as that Duty of Sixpence Sterl p^r hh^d to be imposed on Tob^o seems to be too great a Burthen on that Trade we pray that the 3^d Sterl p^r hh^d for defraying the publick Charge of this Province may be taken away having Endeavoured to provide a Suitable Support for that by the Supposed Bill about negros & Irish Servants & pray your Excellency and Honours Concurrence

Signed p^r order Tho^s Macnemara Cl Lo. Ho.

Which being read & Debated Resolved Nemine Contradi-
cente that the House do concur therewith

And the following Message was Sent to the Lower house
by all the members of this House now present

By the Upper House of Assembly
July the 28th 1716

Gentlemen—

On due Consideration of your Message by Col Hoskins & fourteen more of the members of your House We acquaint you that we do approve of your proposals therein & unani-
mously concur therewith

Signed p^r order W Bladen Cl Up Ho.