

U. H. J. John Rousby Esq^r Naval Officer of Patuxent came & made oath to his Accompts of the Duty of 3^d p Gallon twenty Shillings p poll on negros likewise of the 18^d p hh^d on Tob^o & also the Duty of 3^d p hh^d

M^r John Phelps Naval Officer of Potowmack district made Oath to his Accompts of the af^d Duty

M^r Stoddert & three more brought up the Bill for the better
p. 222 Security of the Peace & Safety of his Ldship's Government and the Protestant Interest within this Province with the following Endorsement of the Lower House Viz.

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

May It please your Honours—

Your Endorsement on this Bill being considered we readily agree to the two first Admendments thereby proposed As being highly necessary for the due Execution of the s^d Law, But the Third & last Amendment as proposed will give a greater Liberty than has been given by the Act made in the first year of the Reign of his present Majesty Entituled an Act repealing a Clause in an Act of Assembly Entituled an Act for Establishment of religious Worship within this Province & alsoe appointing the Oath of Abjuration to be taken in this Province and another Act requiring the Agents of the Lord Baltimore to certify into the Secretary's Office the Instructions and Conditions of Plantations with the Fees by them demanded & obliging his Lordship's Deputy Surveyours to qualify themselves according to Law Which we pray your Honours will be referred to, on perusal of which It is hoped your Honours will not insist further on the third proposed Amendment But if any expedient can be found for the giving any just & reasonable Latitude therein without running contrary to those Laws Which we are not willing to give up We shall readily agree thereto We alsoe propose that the penalty of 500l mentioned in the Bill be reduced to half

On perusal whereof Ordered that the Bill lye on the Table
p. 223 for further Consideration And the following Message be sent to the Lower House by Col Coursey Viz.

By the Upper House of Assembly
July the 28th 1716

On reading your last Endorsment on the Bill for the Better Security of the peace & Safety of his Lordships Governm^t & the Protestant Interest within this Province we assure you