

By the Lower House of Assembly
August the 7th 1716.

U. H. J.

May it please your Excell^{cy}

John Rousby Esq^r pursuant to your Excellency's Command has laid before this House his Account of 3^d p^h h^d appropriated by her late Majesty for the purchase of Arms &c for the defence of this Province which 3^d from the 9th day of November in the year 1707 to the 28th day of October 1715 amounts in the whole to £1909 5 s 9 d Sterl. Out of which we find the said John Rousby contrary to the Tenour of the Receivers Commission Granted to George Plater Esq^r by King William & Queen Mary & the End for which the s^d 3^d was designed deducts the full Receivers Sallary of £100 Sterl p^h Annum

We beg leave to refer your Excellency to the Entry of the said Commission granted to the said George Plater made in the Secretary's Office & to the Resolutions of the House of Delegates on the 9th November 1709 & on the 13th May 1715 & of your Excellency & your honble Council of the 14th of the same month & to the 26th Article of her late Majesty's Instructions to your Excellency

In Consideration of which It is hoped your Excellency will be of opinion that the said John Rousby's Deduction of £100 p. 280 Sallary p^h Annum out of the said 3^d is unwarrantable He acting pursuant to the Commission granted to M^r Plater & none other And that therefore your Excellency will order such Measures to be taken as will oblige the s^d John Rousby to account for & pay the s^d 3^d p^h h^d at least without deducting any more than its proportion of the Receiver's Sallary And we humbly pray that your Excellency will order that the money arising due by the said 3^d p^h h^d since the s^d 28th day of October 1715 be accounted for And the paym^t thereof Secured in order to be ready to answer the End It was designed for.

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

The House adjourned for two Hours

Post Meridiem

The House again Sate Present as in the forenoon

M^r Thomas Robins & three more Delegates brought up the Bill ascertaining the Gauge of Tob^o h^h^{ds} &c. with the following Message