

U. H. J. p^h part of the s^d 12^d applyed for purchasing Arms & Ammunition for this Province in Patuxent District It appears that for many years past, Part of the s^d Impost applyed for Arms &c has been very much impaired, And the Ends for which It was designed in a great measure frustrated by reason of the Extravagant Sallary of 100^{lbs} sterl p^a annum taken out of the 3^d by the said John Rousby Esq^r a Receiver of the Revenue in Patuxent District

This House humbly offers to your Excellency that the s^d Duty of one shill p^h is not chargeable with that Sallary, but rather that the Fines & Forfeitures arising in this Province if duly Collected & applyed are Sufficient to defray the Charge of the Collection of the Revenue in all the Districts of this Province

And Whereas this House has been informed that besides the s^d John Rousby one or more are appointed Receivers of the Revenue in this Province

It is further proposed that the number of Officers for the Collection of the Revenue be reduced to one, And we likewise with all Submission pray that your Excell^{cy} will be pleased to communicate to us in such manner as shall seem most expedient to your Excellency Who are the present Collectors of his Majesty's Revenue in all the Districts of this Province, by what Authority they have or do receive the same & how they are paid their respective yearly Sallarys

All which (It is hoped) will tend to the redress of the mis-application of that part of the s^d 12^d applyed for Arms &c & put this House in a Condition of Judging in pursuance of the 27th Article of the said Instructions What is further necessary to be done for the Support of this Government for the Honour & maintenance of which we think ourselves very nearly concerned And shall be ready upon all occasions to give demonstrations of the same

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

The following Message sent to the House Viz.

By his Excell^{cy} the Governour in Council

May the 13th 1715

Gentlemen—

In answer to your Message by M^r Tyler & Several Others relating to the Revenue We acquaint you that his Excell. & this Board do concur with the House that the Revenue of the one moiety of two Shill p^h on tob^o Exported being wholly appropriated by his most Sacred Majesty, Ought not to be