

U. H. J. M<sup>r</sup> Tyler and nine more brought from the Delegates the following message Viz

By the House of Delegates  
June the 1<sup>st</sup> 1715

May it please your Excellency

We heartily condole the Loss of our late Lord Proprietary  
p. 117 not only as a generous Land Lord, but a generous Friend to the Province

We likewise Congratulate his present Lordship on the Descent of this Proprietorship upon him To whom we sincerely Wish a long and happy Enjoyment of it And assure your Excellency It is no small Satisfaction to us to find that on his late Lordship's decease He is succeeded by a protestant Son of that great Character Your Excellency has always given him

Nor can we be unmindful of your Excellency's Care and favour towards us in so Speedily communicating to us the opportunity your Excellency has of making us Easy in the Affair of our Land Rents which is of so great Concern to his Lordship & this Province for which we return your Excellency our most hearty Thanks. And since your Excellency has been pleased to intimate His Lordship does not design to Stand to the Agreement formerly made with his Ancestors in that Respect as the Gauge of Tob<sup>o</sup> Hh<sup>ds</sup> now stands

We humbly propose to lay an Impost of 18<sup>d</sup> Sterl p hh<sup>d</sup> being of the Gauge of 32 Inches in the head within the Croze not Exceeding 37 Inches in the Bulge and 48 Inches in the Length of the Stave for his Majesty towards the defraying the publick Charge of this Province. Which we resolve to apply to his Lordships use if his Lordship will be pleased to accept thereof as an Equivalent for taking his Land Rents & Fines for Alienations within this Province (as his noble Father did) in tob<sup>o</sup> at 2<sup>d</sup> Sterl p pound during his natural Life And humbly pray your Excellency will be pleased to assist us in recommending the same to his Lordship  
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We perswade ourselves that his Lordship believes It is his Interest to consult the welfare of this province as his noble Ancestors did

And towards the Support of the Government we are also willing to make an Advance of 3<sup>d</sup> Sterl p hh<sup>d</sup> on Every hh<sup>d</sup> Exported of the a<sup>d</sup> Gauge in Consideration of Its being so Enlarged as a just & reasonable Compensation therefore And without which the Revenue would be very much diminished and impaired, under the same Proviso, as in the former Law