

Which he Accordingly does by takinge the same In their U. H. J. Presence.

And thereupon they Withdrew

His Excellency lays before this house part of a Letter to him from their Lordships dated the 16<sup>th</sup> day of Nov<sup>r</sup> 1717 Concerning the Eight p Cent as foll

We are well satisfied with the Reason of the Assembly's p. 61 postponing the Restoreing us the Eight p Cent which was without our Knowledge deducted out of that Part of our Revenue for which we gave up our Quit Rents & Alienation Fines.

And Declaring to this House that their Lordships Expect to be restored to the said Eight p Cent having given so valuable a Consideration for it as the Quitt Rents & Alienation ffines, On which his Excy Desires the Opinion of this House.

Whereupon the following Message is Prepared

By the Uper house of Assembly

Aprill 30<sup>th</sup> 1718

Gent. His Excellency having laid before this House Part of a Letter to him from his Lordship the L<sup>d</sup> Prop<sup>ry</sup> dated the 16<sup>th</sup> day of November 1717 Relateing to the Eight p Cent deducted out of his Lordship's Revenue of Eighteen p hh<sup>d</sup>, in his Lordships Words, We having taken into Consideration his Lordships Comands thereupon, And finding on your Journalls of May Assembly 1717 that you have Postponed that p. 62 affair unto this Session of Assembly; We therefore Desire you will now enter into the further Consideration of it. The Words of his Lordships Letter are, We are well Satisfied with the Reason of the Assembly postponeing the Restoreing us the Eight p Cent which was without our knowledge Deducted out of that Part of our Revenue for which we gave up our Quit Rents & Alienation Fines.

Signed p order John Beard Cl Up Ho.

Sent by Tho<sup>s</sup> Brooke Esq<sup>r</sup> & Jn<sup>o</sup> Hall Esq<sup>r</sup> who returne & say they Delivered it.

M<sup>r</sup> Nicholas Lowe appears before this Board & proves his severall Publick Accounts as Deputy Collector of the Port of Oxford.

John Steele Esq<sup>r</sup> proves his Severall Accounts as Naval Officer of the Port of Annapolis

W<sup>m</sup> Bladen Esq<sup>r</sup> Proves his Severall Accounts as Collector of the port of Annapolis