

U. H. J. part thereof was purely raised for the support of Government without any other Consideration

We find by the Law made in 1670 the only Consideration for raising the two shill p^h was that of supporting Government so necessary to all Communities, and the application in lieu of the rents is only made by way of pviso in that Law And nothing appears in any the latter Acts that can be reasonably understood to raise the two shillings merely in Consideracon of the easy payment of the rents & fines And if It shou'd be now suggested by the Act as pposed that the Easy paym^t of the rents &c. is our only Inducement to raise that Sum it might be fairly Suggested we are unjust Stewards to the Country in raising so much in lieu of the Rents beyond their Value And a People unworthy to reap the benefitts of Government by raising nothing to it's Support, And since we are Apprehensive the Proposals sent us might admitt of such Constructions we Cannot Consent to the Alterations any Other ways than as it now stands, And pray your Hon^{rs} Assent thereto

Signed p order Mic: Jenifer Cl Lo Ho.

Resolved it pass, therefore so Endorsed and sent to the Lower house p Col Holland & Col Coursey

p. 60 His Excellency laid before this house the ninth Article of their Lordship's Instructions to him

Thereupon Resolved the following message be sent to the Lower house Viz.

By the Uper house of Assembly, June 7th 1717

Gent. His Excellency having Communicated to this house the following Article of the Lord Propry Instructions to him. We referr it to the Consideration of your house Viz.

Whereas eight p Cent without our Privity or Knowledge has been deducted out of the Eighteen pence p hogshhead And as it were against our Consent when the Condition on which we declared to you that we were willing to agree to the Law made in our ever honoured Father's life time was provisionally that the mony given by the new intended Law shoud be made payable to ourselves and nothing being at all then or therein mentioned of a Deduction for the Naval Officers for their Collecting thereof And we having ready Officers of our own Whose Sallarys for that year we must pay and Who was suffered to Collect the Tunage of Ships only we think it Just & Equitable that the said Eight p Cent be made good to us and Cannot think it either becomes the Naval Officers or any body for them to be their own Carvers but that they ought to leave