

L. H. J. Law they have Enjoyed and which ought not only to be Sufficient to pay them for their Labour but large Enough to Encourage Industry and Integrity in men of Ability to Administer the Affairs of the Government whether actually residing within the Province or attending the person of your Lord and Proprietary where ever he is.

Gentlemen. The Ease we find in the Receipt of the Severall
 p. 74 Duties on Tobacco Settled in lieu of your quit Rents and Alienation fines and the better to Enable us to Support our Government, whereby your are Protected together with the Great benefit and advantage the poorer and more numerous part of the Inhabitants of our Province Reap from thence in the non payment of their Rents as Reserved has induced us for the common good to Consent and recommend to you to pass a Law for the Continuance of the Act Entituled an Act ascertaining the Gauge and Tare of Tobacco hoghsheads &c to Commence and remain in force for three years to Come from the Expiration of the said Act whereby the aforesaid Duties arise and we cannot think you need to be put in mind to continue the Act for regulating of Ordinaries for the reasons among many others recited in the preamble thereof.

We are much Concerned Gentlemen that you our friends and Tenants his Majestys good Subjects can have no Expectation of Benefit from the duty of one penny p pound laid on Tobacco transported from plantation to plantacon, his Late Majesty King William of Glorious Memory haveing by Letters patents, under the great Seale of England Setled the same for ever on the College of Virginia, but do not doubt with your Assistance by our own power to Establish such a Fund for Encouragement of Learning in Maryland as not only to answer the very pious and worthy Design of Supporting the Free School already built at Annapolis but to make it so Effectually usefull that your owne Children there made Capable may reap the advantage of dischargeing the Severall Offices of Government both in Church and State to the Conversion of your neighbours and fellow Citizens from the Superstition of the Church of Rome and to the manifest good of us all in the Equall Distribution of Justice.

The house Adjourns till to morrow morning Eight of the Clock.

Friday Morning April the 22. 1720

The House meet according to Adjournment.

Yesterday's proceedings are Read.