

of the Staple of the province and the necessity of attempting to U. H. J. improve it, Voted A Bill be brought in for that end which Bill now lyes before the House but in regard that so great a part of the Tobacco that is made must be applied to pay publick and County Levies Parochiel and other Charges and Officers and Lawyers fees that if people should be restrained the Liberty of making as much Tobacco as they can (without which there is no hopes of any relief from the present unhappy Circumstances the Country Labours under) and Obliged to pay as much of it away to the purposes aforesaid as they now are they will not have a Sufficient quantity left (tho Tobacco should Advance) to supply themselves & Families with necessarys hence follows a necessity of making a Regulation suitable to the propos'd Reduction of the Quantity of Tobacco to be made and of giving the people all the Ease that can be in the manner of discharging their Dues and Debts already mentioned wherefore we have appointed M^r Harris M^r Dulany M^r Perry M^r King M^r Samuel Hanson and M^r Beale members of this House to join with any of your House that your House will be pleased to appoint to regulate and Ascertain the aforesaid dues and fees which because it is an Affair of great Consequence and will Probably require a Great deal of time we desire that as much Dispatch may be made therein as Conveniently can be

Signed p Order M Macnemara Cl. Lo. Ho.

Read and Ordered to lie on the Table

Adjourn'd till to morrow Morning Nine of the Clock

Wednesday Morning October the 16th 1728.

October 16

This House met again according to Adjournment Psent as Yesterday

The following Message is prepared & sent to the lower House by Col^o R^d Tilghman and Charles Calvert Esq^r viz.

By the Upper House of Assembly October the 16th 1728
Gentlemen

In Answer to your message yesterday by James Harris Esq^r & three more this House have appointed Col^o Mathew Tilghman Ward and Charles Calvert Esq^r members of this House to join M^r Harris, M^r Dulany M^r Perry, M^r King, M^r Samuel Hanson and M^r Beale members appointed by your House in a Conference relating to the Subject matter of the said Message who will be ready to attend immediately.

Signed p Order Geo. Plater Cl Up Ho.