

further or other Sanction whatsoever. It is true the Lord Proprietary has dissented to sev<sup>l</sup> of our Laws, but whether his Lordship has any Authority so to do or not We hope will soon be examined & determined in a proper Place: But to put his Lordship's Right of assenting or dissenting to Laws passed here; upon an Equality with the undoubted Right of his sacred Majesty (which your Honours do in your Message, if We understand it right) is (We humbly conceive) so inconsistent with the Duty of Subjects to the best of Princes, that We want Words to express Our Detestation of it

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What fate the late Tobacco Law may have, We know not, but We are certain the attempting to make a new Law of the same Nature with it, with such Amendm<sup>ts</sup> as may render it more effectual, is neither new nor lyable to any criminal Imputation whatsoever, much less of an evasive Infringement of the Prerogative, or of tending to preclude the Province of a Dernier Resort, which (if meant to our gracious King) We account Our greatest felicity & Security. His sacred Majestys Royal Prerogative is as dear to us, as Our Lives, & we are far from wishing the least Diminution of any Right or Prerogative which the Lord Proprietary is justly entitled to by Virtue of the Royal Charter: But We beg Leave to distinguish it from his Majestys. To conclude We do assure your honours, that we do not conceive any of, or all the Reasons together which are contained in your Message, are weighty enough to convince Us of your being under any Necessity of rejecting a Bill, Which we are firmly perswaded (as We doubt not your Honours are) would be very advantageous to the People of Maryland.

However that nothing We can possibly do for the Interest of Our Constituents may be wanting, We have sent a supplementary Bill, which We hope will be agreeable to your Honours

Signed p Order M: Macnemara Cl. Lo. Ho.

Read the first time in this house the supplementary Tobacco bill & Ordered to lye on the Table

The Bill Entituled an Act reviving & Continuing an Act to restrain the ill Practices of Attorneys &c brought from the Lower house by M<sup>r</sup> Holyday & M<sup>r</sup> George thus Endorsed

By the Lower House of Assembly 2<sup>d</sup> August 1729

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Read the first Time & Ordered to lye on the Table.

Signed p Order M: Macnemara Cl. Lo. Ho.

By the Lower house of Assembly 4<sup>th</sup> August 1729

Read the second Time and will pass.

Signed p Order M: Macnemara Cl. Lo. Ho.