

Eodem Die post Meridiem

U. H. J.

This House met again According to Adjournment

Present as in the Morning

John Rousby Esq^r from the Committee appointed to draw up an Answer to the Governour in Relation to the Queries shewn to this House at the Opening this Session Delivers the Report as follows.

By the Committee of both Houses met at Peter Overards at Annapolis September the 1st 1731

To Examine & Enquire what Trade this Province hath with any foreign Plantations or any part of Europe besides Great Brittain, How that Trade is Carried on what Commodities the People send to or receive from foreing Plantations, What is the Naturall produce of the Country Staple Comodities & Manufactures besides Tobacco and to what value thereof may be Annually Exported.

The Hono^{ble} { John Rousby Esq^r } Present of the Upper House
 { Benj^a Tasker Esq^r }
 { Philip Lee Esq^r }

The Hono^{ble} { M^r Dulany M^r Stoughton } Of the lower House
 { Col. Gale M^r Harris and }
 { Major King Col. Ennals }

The Committee Chose John Rousby Esq^r Chairman and Appointed p. 137 Thomas Clarke to be their Clerke

Your Committee having Considered and Examined the papers laid before us consisting Only of lists of Shiping Entred & Cleared in Patuxent from September 29th 1729 to September 29th 1730. And Severall lists of Shiping Entred & Cleared in Oxford from September 29th 1727 to September 29th 1728 containing Accounts of the Imports & Exports in both places & an Account of Imports & Exports into & from Annapolis from August 26th 1729 to August 26th 1730 which are Insufficient to Enable us to give any Certain or particular Information or Assistance to His Excellency the Governour in giving Answers to the Queries mentioned in his Speech to both Houses at the begining of the Sessions, And as your Committee Apprehend that giving true perfect and Exact Answers to the said Queries is of great Importance to the Country, so we conceive the best measures ought to be taken to be truly Informed: Which your Committee Conceives to be a Carefull Examination of the Entries of all the Severall Naval Officers within this Province w^{ch} Entries cannot be had during the Continuance of this Session Therefore your Committee conceives it would be proper and propose that both Houses Joyn in an Application to His Excellency the Governour to order the said Officers to lay the Copies of the said Entries for such