

U. H. J. By the Upper house of Assembly 5<sup>th</sup> August 1732

Gentlemen

His Excellency the Governor in a paper directed to this house having recommended an Amendment to the Act for Regulating the Militia in this Province & likewise that some Care should be taken for cleaning & preserving the Arms & other Utensils of Warr lodged in the severall Counties which cannot be Effectually done but by an Act of Assembly for that purpose, We therefore propose that a short Bill be prepared empowering the Captain Lieutenant & Ensign or any two of them to impose & Levy fines on any of the Souldiers not performing their Duty; This being the Defect complained of in the Militia Law, and for raising the three pence p<sup>r</sup> hh<sup>d</sup> on Tobacco for furnishing Arms & Ammunition in this Province part of which may be Applied towards Cleansing & preserving the Arms &c in the severall Countys and the remaining part to such other uses as shall be thought necessary for the Common Safety with which if your House Concurs a bill may be prepared accordingly.

Signed p<sup>r</sup> Order John Ross Cl. Up. H<sup>o</sup>.

Read the second time the bill Entituled an Act for the Assesment of so much Tobacco on the Inhabitants of S<sup>t</sup> Paul's parish in Prince Georges County &c ordered to be thus Endorsed [See Lower House Proceedings.]

By the [Lower] House of Assembly 5<sup>th</sup> August 1732

May it please Your Honours.

p. 233 This House hath considered the Amendments proposed by your Honours to the Paper Currency Bill and cannot agree that the Governor or President for the time being shall Appoint the Com<sup>rs</sup> or Trustees because that in all Acts of Parliament concerning Money wherein Com<sup>rs</sup> are Necessary to put the Acts in Execution they (the Com<sup>rs</sup>) are always inserted in the Acts & never Appointed by the King And in the Acts for Emitting Bills of Credit in our Neighbouring Colonies the same method is observed; besides as the publick faith of this Province is engaged to Support the Bills of Credit This house beleives it would be more Agreeable to his Excellency that the Com<sup>rs</sup> or Trustees should be named by both houses than by himselfe in regard that no branch of Prerogative is thereby infringed and that his Excellency will be intirely Clear of any Imputation of Appointing unfit persons for so Important a Trust in Case any Mismanagement or Corruption should happen.

This House Agrees that all his Lordships rents of any kind & Alineation fines be excepted but conceives that it would be hard that fines & forfeitures for breaches of the Peace or any Penal Laws should not be discharged in Bills of Credit, and therefore proposes that the Provisoe be restrained to Rents of all kinds & alineation fines the Duties on Tobacco & Tonage being already Excepted