

A Message from the Lower House by M^{rs} Hooper & Smith with the Bill for ascertaining the Gauge & Tare of Tob^o H^hds. U. H. J.
Lib. No. 33

By the Lower House of Assembly 21st April 1735

May it please your Honours.

This House hath agreed to the Amendments proposed by your Honours to the Bill herewith sent except the Clause Subjecting Masters of Ships to a Penalty for taking tob^o h^h^{ds} on board that may exceed the limited Gauge which clause We conceive would be very inconvenient in this Bill because there are large Quantities of Tob^o already packed & prised fit for Shipping and all the h^h^{ds} now ready for what remains unpacked of the last Crop of which a great many may very probably exceed the Gauge ascertained by this Bill and those h^h^{ds} being made when there was no Law in being relating to their Gauge It cannot be expected the people were very careful to confirm themselves to any Gauge and the Season so far advanced that (besides the Loss that cannot be avoided by unpacking and repacking Tob^o actually prized It is impossible to get h^h^{ds} ready in any reasonable time this year. And therefore We apprehend that this Clause would occasion so great an Obstruction of lading the Ships now come & expected as would be very detrimental to the Country And that as this Bill is but for one year if It shall be thought proper to continue it for a longer time and such a provision as is proposed by the said Clause be found necessary It may without any Inconvenience be provided for hereafter. p. 356

We therefore desire your Concurrence with the present Bill without the aforesaid Clause

Signed p Order M Macnemara Ct Lo Ho.

A Message from the Lower House by M^{rs} Key & Hemsley

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May It please your Honours.

As this House is in hopes the present Session is very near an End and do not apprehend there is any present necessity for the applying of the mony mentioned in your Message of the 19th Instant by Philip Lee Esq^r at this Time they chuse to defer the Consideration thereof until the next meeting

Signed p order M Macnemara CtLo Ho.

Read the first Time the Bill prepared in this House entituled an Act for Limitation of the Time of Shipping Tob^o and Ordered to lye on the Table

Adjourned until to morrow Morning 9 of the Clock