

1736 in Order to consider upon proper Measures for the Advance- U. H. J.  
ment of the Credit of the Paper Currency

Present

The Honourable	{	Matthew Tilghman Ward Esq <sup>r</sup>	}	Members of the Upper House
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William Stoughton	Henry Hooper			
Robert King	Joshua George			

Who make Choice of the honourable Matthew Tilghman Ward Esq<sup>r</sup> their Chairman, and also of Thomas Lynn their Clerk

Your Conferees having taken into their Consideration the State of the Paper Currency and debated and considered of such Ways and Means for the Advancement of the Credit thereof as hath occurred to them, and being of Opinion that the best way to raise the Credit of it is by making it more useful to do humbly propose that the Quit Rents due to the Lord Proprietary and all Officers fees which are payable in Tobacco be paid in that Specie after the following manner

Proposed That a reasonable Satisfaction be paid the Lord Proprietary for his Quit Rents in Sterling money by a Tax upon Tobacco, and that the Country agree with him for the said Satisfaction, and in Case of any Deficiency the same be made good by proper Sterling Funds

That the Lord Proprietary grant the Collection of the Rents to the Country which shall be paid by the Inhabitants in Paper Money at fifty p Cent Advance upon the Sterling Sums due for such Rents and that a Person be appointed in Each County to collect the same

That proper Measures be taken to oblige the Masters of Ships to return to the several Naval Officers very exact Manifests of their Loadings containing not only the Mark and Number of hogsheads shipt but the name of the Persons shipping such hogsheads and the Place of their Residence; that the several Naval Officers make Copys of Every such Manifest, and send the same to the Comm<sup>rs</sup> of the Paper Currency Office by some certain time

That the Persons appointed in Each County to collect the Rents repair to the City of Annapolis at a time to be fixed for that Purpose and bring with them the Money received of the Inhabitants for their Rents and then from the Manifests returned to the Paper Currency Comm<sup>rs</sup> to be by them delivered make a regular and fair manifest for Every County containing the hogsheads Shipp'd the Mark thereof and the name of the Persons so shipping it in Each County

That they then shall deliver the Amount of Sterling money raised upon the hogsheads shipt out of Every County & afterwards out of