

The Question was put that 2/6 p^h hh^d the 20^s Sterling Duty arising on Negroes Imported and the three half pence a hh^d upon Tobacco belonging to the Publick Schools be offered by an Address to the Lord Proprietary as an Equivalent for the Quit Rent and Alienation fines Resolved in the Negative. The Question was put whether it is the Opinion of this House that it would be an Ease and Advantage to the Inhabitants of this Province that an Equivalent be proposed to the Lord Proprietary of £4000 Sterling in Lieu of his Lordships Quit Rents and Alienation fines without Burthening Tobacco with more than 2/6 Sterling p^h hh^d Additional Duty.

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Resolved in the Affirmative.

This House having agreed to Offer the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary £4000 Sterling as an Equivalent for his Quit Rents and Alienation fines. The Question is proposed to be put whether an Address shall be presented to his Lordship to propose the said Sum and to set forth in That Address how and in what manner the Said Sum may be raised or not resolved in the Affirmative.

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The Question was put that a Duty of 5 p^h Cent be raised on the Purchasers of Negroes as part of the ways and means towards raising an Equivalent

Resolved in the Affirmative.

The Question was put that 1^s Sterling Duty be raised on Wine and Rum Imported in Country Bottoms as part of the Ways and means towards raising an Equivalent. Resolved in the Affirmative.

The House Adjourns till to morrow Morning 9. a Clock.

Thursday May 6th 1736.

May 6

The House met according to Adjournment.

The Members were Called all present as yesterday Except M^r Hammond and M^r Mathews

M^r Smith from the Committee appointed to Enquire Into the State and Condition of the Arms and Ammunition &c. Delivers M^r Speaker the following Report.

We of the Committee Appointed by the Lower House of Assembly to Enquire into the State and Condition of the Arms and Amunition of this Province have viewed and Inspected the Quality and Quantity of the Same now in the City of Annapolis which we find to be as follows Ss^t Over the Conference Room 94 good Musketts 113 Bad Musketts 114 good Carbines one bad Carbine 42 Short Musketts, 193 pistols 42 Bayonets one Halberd one picke, 16 good Drums 5 Bad Drums, 9 bad Trumpets 56 Cartouch boxes 18 Bucketts 50 Bells 50 Barrills of Shott, one Barrill of flints about 13 Chests of Matches 41 Sword and Carbine belts 50 Bayonet Belts 4 pair and a