

tion and power given by your House to your said Committee, to send for books, persons, papers and Records, your said Committee beg leave to acquaint your House that they did on the 15th Instant in the forenoon, by letters Signed by their Clerk, by order of your Committee, give Notice unto the Several Naval officers of this province, being James Hollyday Esq^r George Plater Esq^r Benjamin Tasker Esq^r Philip Lee Esq^r and Co^{ll} Levin Gale, to attend your said Committee at three of the Clock in the afternoon of the same day, in order to inform them by what Laws of this province they receive the several Duties now taken on Tobacco Instead of whose Attendance in pursuance of the said Notice your said Committee in the aforesaid afternoon Received a writing Informing them that the said Naval officers had Severally received Letters from the Clerk of your said Committee, dated on the aforesaid 15th Instant Desiring them to attend at three of the Clock the said afternoon, and that they had laid the said Letters before the upper House of Assembly, who were of opinion, that it was not Consistent with the Dignity of their House to Suffer their members to attend the Lower House of Assembly, much less any Committee of it, but that their might not be the least pretence of any henderance given to the publick business they thought it proper to acquaint your said Committee that they Collect Twelve pence Sterl per Hogshead, by Virtue of an Act of Assembly, Entituled an Act for Settlement of an Annual Revenue upon her Majesty's Governor within this province for the time being made, in September 1704: that they Collect three pence Sterling per Hogshead, by virtue of an Act for raising a duty of three pence per hogshead on all Tobacco Exported out of this province for the uses therein mentioned, made in July 1732 that they Collect fifteen pence per Hogshead by virtue of an Act for Emitting and making Current ninety Thousand pounds Current money of Maryland in bills of Credit made in March 1732: that they also Collect three pence per hogshead by virtue of an Act of Assembly Entituled an Act for raising three pence per hogshead on all Tobacco Exported for Purchasing arms and Ammunition for the Defence of this province made in March 1734 and which said paper so as aforesaid Delivered to your said Committee was Signed by the said officers Respectively Viz. Benj^a Tasker Naval officer Annapolis, Philip Lee Naval officer North Potowmack; George Plater Esq^r Naval officer Patuxent. Levin Gale Naval officer Pocomoke: James Hollyday Naval officer Oxford: as by the said writing herewith returned to your House, relation being thereunto had may appear.

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Your said Committee Humbly beg leave to acquaint your House that they find that at a Session of Assembly held at the port of Annapolis the 11th Day of July 1732 An Act did pass Entituled an Act for raising a Duty of three pence per hogshead on all Tobacco Ex-
ported out of this Province for the uses therein mentioned, which was

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