

L. H. I. Hindman and Captain Aquila Paca Members returned to serve this Assembly do find that the said M<sup>r</sup> Thomas Hammond M<sup>r</sup> Jacob Hindman and Captain Aquila Paca are duly Elected All which is humbly submitted to the Consideration of the House

Signed p Order Thomas Jennings C<sup>lk</sup>.

James Holliday Esq<sup>r</sup> from the Upper House delivers M<sup>r</sup> Speaker the Bill entituled An Act for raising three Pence per hhd on all Tobacco &c<sup>a</sup> Indorsed (See page 186)

p. 302 Which Bill was Read and the Amendments proposed by the Upper House, with which Amendments this House do not Agree: Inasmuch as the said Bill sufficiently provides for the matter intended of providing Arms and Ammunition for Defence of the Province And it is therefore Ordered that the said Bill be entred on the Journal of the House that it may appear by whose Means this Province remains without the same

The Bill Ordered to be Entred on the Journal follows in these Words viz.

An Act for raising Three Pence p hogshead on all Tobacco to be Exported for Purchasing Arms and Ammunition for the Defence of this Province

Whereas his Majesty Our most Gracious Sovereign is now Engaged in a War with Spain and lest the Magazine of Arms and Ammunition now in the Province and the Monies heretofore raised by any former Acts should prove Insufficient for the present Purpose We his Majestys faithful Subjects the Delegates of the Freemen of Maryland in General Assembly Convened, to testify Our Zeal for his Majestys Person and Government and for putting Ourselves in the best and Speediest Posture of defence We are able; humbly pray that it may be Enacted

And Be it Enacted By the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary by and with the Advice and Consent of his Lordships Governor, and the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly and the Authority of the same that there shall be Levied Collected and raised a Duty or Impost of three Pence Sterling Money on every hogshead of Tobacco which now is or hereafter, shall be loaden on Board any Ship or Vessel to be Exported out of this Province, and not Cleared at some Naval Office before the end of this present Session of Assembly to be Collected and received by the respective Naval Officers in the same manner as other duties on all Tobacco now due and Payable are Collected and Raised which said duty shall from time to time by the Naval Officers aforesaid be Paid to Philip Hammond of Ann Arundel County Esq<sup>r</sup>

And Be it further Enacted by the Authority Advice and Consent aforesaid that the same Philip Hammond Esq<sup>r</sup> shall with the Money which he shall so receive by Virtue of this Act send for and Purchase