

L. H. J. To which said Letter, we wrote his Excellency the following Answer

January 15. 1742

Sir,

When we receive from the several Naval officers (agreeable to the address of the House of Delegates) copies of the orders, by which they Receive the sum of ffourteen pence Sterling per Ton, on the Tonnage of all Shipping trading into this province, not owned by the Inhabitants thereof; as also the Sum of Twelve pence Sterling, for every Hogshead of Tobacco exported out of this Province and the account of the same respectively for Two Years last past, signifying under, or by what Laws they Receive the said Duties, and such Copies and Accounts proved on their Corporal oaths Respectively, before some Provincial Justice, and such proofs Authenticated under the Great Seal of this province, we shall, (agreeable to the Trust Reposed in us) Receive and transmit the same.

We had the Honour to signify to your Excellency, that this the Request of the House had not been Comply'd with, altho application had been made to the several Naval officers; and we hope, we shall stand excused, in not entering into any farther detail of the Subject, or explanation of your promise, which may serve to retard a compliance with the Request made, or, by speaking truth, give offence. With all due Respect we are,

Sir, Your most obedient Humble Servants

Thomas Worthington Henry Hall Charles Carroll

Sometime after the aforegoing, we Received from the several Naval officers, Certificates Attested, declaring, That by virtue of an Act of Assembly passed Anno Dom. One Thousand Six Hundred and Sixty one, Entituled an Act for Port Duties, and Masters of Ships, and an Order of his Majesty's in Council thereon, they received ffourteen pence per Ton on all Vessells Trading in and to this Province; except those Built in, or owned by the Inhabitants thereof; as also, by virtue of an Act of Assembly passed Anno Dom. Seventeen Hundred and ffour Entituled an Act for the Settlement of an Annual Revenue upon the Majesty's Governor, within this province, for the time being, they Received Twelve pence Sterling for every Hogshead of Tobacco exported out of this Province; But no Accounts of the amount of said Duties. Whereupon the following Letter was sent to his Excellency.

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Application having been heretofore made to your Excellency, in pursuance of an Address of the House of Delegates, and your Excellencies answer thereto, for Copies of the Orders by which the several Naval Officers receive Twelve pence Sterling per Hogshead, on all Tobacco exported out of this Province; as also the Sum of