

ffourteen pence per Ton, on the Tonnage of Shipping ; with Accounts **L. H. J.** of the amounts of the same Respectively, for Two years then last past.

Since the ffifteenth Day of January last we have Received from the Naval officers, papers said to be Copies of the Orders, by which they Receive the said Twelve pence and ffourteen pence, but no accounts of the Amounts of the same Respectively, as prayed for.

That the Trust Reposed in us by the House of Delegates may be discharged on our parts, we Repeat our prayer, that your Excellency will please to order, that accounts of the said Two Sums of Twelve pence per Hogshead, and ffourteen pence per Ton, Respectively for Two years then last past (as prayed for in the Address of the House of Delegates) duly proved and authenticated, be delivered to us, according to the prayer of the said Address.

The necessity of the Case, under the delays heretofore given to the prosecution of this affair, we doubt not will plead our Excuse, for the fresh Trouble we are obliged to give your Excellency on this occasion. We are Your Excellency's most obedient Servants

Philip Hammond      Thomas Worthington  
Charles Carroll      Osborn Sprigg

To which said Letter we Received the following answer.  
Gentlemen,

Upon the breaking up of the last Assembly, I gave Directions to the Naval officers, to transmit to you the Authorities, by which they Received the Twelve pence per Hogshead, and ffourteen pence per Ton, properly authenticated; and upon your Remonstrance of the 12<sup>th</sup> of January that those Directions had not been complied with, I sent fresh orders for that purpose

As for transmitting an Account of the amount of those Duties, the reasons given in my Answer, to the Address of your House, still seem to me Sufficient to prove it unnecessary, I am, Gentlemen

Your Most Humble Servant

T. Bladen

Which Answer concluded us from Applying further on that Head, nor could we procure the attestation to the Copies Received from the Clerk of the House, before June; and Capt. George Lawson, in the Ship Ranger, from Patuxent, being the ffirst good opportunity, we transmitted such Copies as we were able to procure, by the Master of the said Ship, to fferdinando John Paris, Esq<sup>r</sup> in a Letter Dated the 1<sup>st</sup> of July 1743.

Phil. Hammond  
C. Carroll  
Henry Hall

Tho. Worthington  
John Magruder  
Turnor Wootton

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