

and Assigns to each other, in the penal Sum of Two Thousand pounds Sterling. In witness whereof, we have hereunto interchangeably Set our Hands and Seals, this 23^d Day of April 1746. L. H. J. Liber No. 46

Signed Geo: Plater ⊕ Onorio Razolini ⊕

Sealed and Delivered in the presence of

Tho: Williamson Law. Maynard

All which is humbly [referred] to the Consideration of the Honourable House Signed per Order W^m Wilkins, Clerk

On Reading the Report aforesaid, Leave is given to the petitioners to bring in a Bill according to prayer

The following Address; viz.

To his Excellency Samuel Ogle Esq^r Gover. of Maryland;

The Humble Address of the House of Delegates of the said province.

May it please your Excellency,

We beg leave to observe, that in the year 1744, there was by the then Governor, and his Lordship's Council of State assessed on the Taxable Inhabitants of this province, the Quantity of one pound of Tobacco per poll, under Colour of the Act of Assembly formerly subsisting, entituled, an Act for the Ordering and Regulating the Militia of this province, for the better Defence and Security thereof; which said Sum was accordingly levied. We therefore humbly pray that your Excellency will please to cause an Account of the Application thereof to be laid before this House p. 705

Was brought in ingrossed, and was read and assented to, and Signed, by Order of the House, by the Honourable Speaker.

Col. Hooper and M^r Dulany were sent to acquaint his Excellency, this House hath prepared an Address to him, and desires to know when and where he will please to Receive it. They return, and acquaint M^r Speaker, they deliver'd their Message, and that the Governor was pleased to signify, he was ready to receive the Address immediately in the Conference Chamber.

Col. Hooper and M^r Dulany were Ordered to present the Address

The Governor Communicates to M^r Speaker the following Answer to the Address of this House, viz.

Gentlemen of the Lower House of Assembly.

I Have enquired into the Subject matter of your address, in Relation to the one pound of Tobacco per poll, assessed upon the Taxable Inhabitants of this province, by the Governor and Council, in the year 1744, by virtue of the Act of Assembly for Regulating our Militia, and understand that the said Tobacco was intended to satisfy the Charged incurred by the Indian Conspiracy; but tho' it has been Levied, it has not been applied; so lies ready to be disposed of as the Legislature shall think proper. Sam. Ogle