

L. H. J. Gentlemen of the Lower House of Assembly,  
Liber No. 46

In Answer to your Address relating to the Naval Officers Bonds, I do acquaint you, that the several Naval Officers of this Province give Bond for the due Execution of their Office, which Bonds are lodged with me, Copies whereof I have ordered to be laid before you

T. Bladen

p. 471 Gentlemen of the Lower House of Assembly.

In Answer to your Address desiring Accounts to be laid before you of the Fines, Forfeitures, and Amerciaments, which have arisen and been paid from the year 1715 to this Time.

If you mean only such Fines and Forfeitures as are appropriated by Acts of Assembly to the Support of Government, I take for granted, that the Agents, who received them have accounted for them to the Lord Proprietary, to whom only they were accountable.

As to Fines or Forfeitures by the Common Law, they are as much his Lordship's Right, as any thing else can possibly be, and therefore, if those who received them to his Lordship's use, have honestly accounted for them to his Lordship, they have fully discharged their Duty; and I am informed by the present Agent that he has not received any other.

And if there was any occasion to lay such Accounts before the Lower House of Assembly, as you desire, which I think there is not, it would be a very difficult Task on me to procure such Accounts, because several of the Gentlemen who have been Agents are dead, and I am not acquainted with their Executors or Administrators. The same Reasons will reach the Amerciaments, and therefore I need not add any Thing more relating to them.

T. Bladen

A Question being put, Whether the Letter from Governour Shirley of New England, to his Excellency Thomas Bladen Esq<sup>re</sup> communicated to this House be printed, or not? Resolved in the Affirmative

For the Affirmative

M <sup>r</sup> Bond	M <sup>r</sup> Courts	M <sup>r</sup> Sherredine
Abell	Smallwood	Paca
Mills	Harrison	John Hall
G. Willson	W. Wilkinson	Wootton
J. Gresham	Stoughton	Sprigg
R. Gresham	D. Willson	Addison
Harris	N. Goldsborough	Bordley
Carrol	Lloyd	Pemberton
P. Hammond	Thomas	T. Wilkinson
Worthington	Hooper	T. Hammond
Hen: Hall	Ennalls	Hopper
Smith	Lecompte	Purnell
Jo. Hall	Sulivane	Selby
Brome	Pearce	Outten
Mackall	Hyland	