

L. H. J.  
Liber No. 47  
May 31

The Province of Maryland to John Raitt, as Armourer of the Province aforesaid;

From September 26, 1745, to July 11, 1747, is 21 Months and 15 Days, at 40 l. per Ann. Sterling  
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Errors excepted per John Raitt.

Which was read and disallowed.

This House having taken into Consideration an Act of Assembly entitled, An Act for Settlement of an annual Revenue upon her Majesty's Governor within this Province, for the Time being, made in the Year of our Lord 1704; under Colour of which Act, 12 d. Sterling per Hogshead has been levied and taken by the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary of this Province, on all Tobacco exported out of the same, ever since the Year of our Lord 1733; at which Time an Act entitled, An Act ascertaining the Gauge and Tare of Tobacco Hogsheads, expired: Which said Act of 1704 is in the following Words.

An Act for Settlement of an annual Revenue upon her Majesty's Governor within this Province, for the Time being.

Whereas, by an Act of Assembly formerly made, entitled, An Act for providing a Support for the Lord Proprietary of this Province, and likewise a Supply for defraying the public Charge of the Government; it was by the said Act published and declared, That from and after the first Day of September then next ensuing, there should be raised, levied, collected, and paid to the said Lord Proprietary, the Sum of Two Shillings Sterling for every Hogshead, or Quantity of a Hogshead, of Tobacco, which should be at any Time thereafter shipped in any Ship or Vessel, to be exported out of this Province; on Condition that his said Lordship should receive his Rents, and Fines for Alienation of Lands, in good sound merchantable Tobacco, when tendered, at the Rate of two Pence per Pound for one Moiety of the said Imposition; the other Moiety by the said Act raised, to be employed towards maintaining a constant Magazine, and defraying other public and necessary Charges of the Government. And whereas former Assemblies, upon strict Enquiry made into the Premises, did find his said Lordship had not only been very deficient, and at small Charge and Expence in maintaining a Magazine as aforesaid; but that this Province hath been obliged to defray all public Charges arising for the Support of Government, by Way of an equal Assessment upon the Inhabitants thereof; the several Provisoes in the afore-recited Act to the contrary notwithstanding. And whereas also his said Lordship the aforesaid Moiety of two Shillings per Hogshead, under Pretext of maintaining a Magazine as aforesaid (until the Time of their late Majesties King