

Your Committee likewise find, that the Rents of all the Original Tracts were regularly and duly paid, to the 29th Day of September 1738. L. H. J.
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Your Committee also find, that Roger Hooper paid, unto Thomas Muir Receiver of the Quit Rents for Dorchester County, from the 29th Day of September 1738, to the 29th of September 1752, the Sum of 40 l. 13 s. 11 d. Sterling, at sundry Times, as appears by the Account of said Muir; and that the Rents arising due from said Roger Hooper, for his Part of Hooper's Island, from the 15th of July 1738, to the 29th of September 1752, amounted to 40 l. 15 s. 10 d. and for Part of a Tract of Land, called Project, in said County, devised to him by Matthew Travers, from the 29th of September 1740, to the 29th of September 1752, 50 Acres, 1 l. 4 s. Sterling, as appears by an Account hereunto annexed, whereby there remained a Ballance of 1 l. 5 s. 11 d. only, due to the said Thomas Muir as Receiver aforesaid. p. 267

Your Committee further find, that the said Thomas Muir, on the 11th Day of January 1753, caused Daniel Sulivane, Sheriff of the said County, to distrain upon the said Roger Hooper, two Negroes for the Sum of 35 l. 5 s. and 6 d. Sterling, and that the said Hooper, to prevent the Loss of his Negroes, was obliged to enter into a Bond to the said Sulivane, with a Surety in the Penalty of 100 l. Sterling, conditioned as follows, viz.

“ The Condition of the above Obligation is such, that if the above named Roger Hooper do and shall, satisfy and pay, unto Thomas Muir, Esq; the Sum of 35 l. 5 s. 6 d. Sterling Money of England, at or before the 18th Day of this Instant January, or bring forth to Cambridge, or Cause to be brought, on the said 18th Day of this Instant January, one Negro Woman called Moreah, one Negro Boy called Cuffy, being taken by Distress for his Lordship's Quit-Rents, then the above Obligation to be void, otherwise to stand in full Force and Virtue, in Law;” as by the Bond hereunto annexed, may appear. That the giving such Bond, with so great a Penalty, so frightened the said Hooper, and his Surety, that he, to acquit himself thereof, was obliged to take up the Sterling Money, at the high Exchange of one Hundred per Cent, beside the Costs, amounting to 1 l. 10 s. 10 d. Sterling and 138 lbs. of Tobacco.

Your Committee humbly conceive, that the taking such Bond was Illegal, as also the said Charge of 1 l. 10 s. 10 d. Your Committee also find, that the said Thomas Muir, charged the said Hooper for Arrears of Rent in the Years 1714, and 1715, and that it is practised by other Receivers also, although it appears to your Committee, that at a Session of Assembly held April 26, in the Year 1715, an Act passed, declaring the Continuance of the Payment of the twelve Pence per Hogshead, from the Death of Charles Lord Baltimore, to the