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of Credit which were emitted by Virtue of that Act, have proved deficient beyond all our Expectations, and we think it just and expedient that the Land-Holders in this Province, should be, in some Measure, relieved from the great and unequal Burthen which is about to fall on them; we are willing to agree to your Proposition for continuing the £40,000 Act, for the Term of Two Years after the Term when it would otherwise expire. But as we are far from being satisfied, that no ill Consequence would follow from the Collectors being directed by the Bill in Question to receive Gold and Silver Specie at different Ratio, from those at which it is now, in Consequence of an Act of Assembly, paid by the Inhabitants of this Province in Discharge of Officers Fees and Public Debts (and unless it was to be paid at higher Rates into the Loan-Office, it is evident that the Value of our Paper Currency would be greatly depreciated) we are determined to adhere to our second Amendment, being at the same Time persuaded, that the People who may want Paper Money to pay the Taxes with which they shall be charged, under the £40,000 Act, and the Continuing Bill proposed, will be able to procure it at lower Exchange than Thirty-three and a Third Advance upon Sterling.

As you were not ignorant, Gentlemen, after what Method the Commissioners were Named by the Two Houses, at the Time when the £40,000 Act was Framed, we with you had not attempted to introduce a new Mode on the present Occasion, because it looks as if you were fond of Innovations: However, as you seem to acknowledge the Propriety of an Objection to that Part of the Bill, we wave all Dispute with you on this Head, and have Nominated Samuel Chamberlaine, Benjamin Tasker, junior, Benedict Calvert, Daniel Dulany, and Stephen Bordley, Esquires, to join the Members Named by your House as Commissioners for the Purposes in the said Bill mentioned. These Amendments being made to the Bill, which we have now returned you, the same will Pass.

Signed ʔ Order, J. Ross, Cl. Up. Ho.

On Reading the said Message, with the Amendments proposed, the House agrees therewith; and Ordered, that the same be made accordingly.

On Motion, Ordered, That the Petition of Mary Stansbury, be Referred for Consideration at the next Session of Assembly.

The adjourns till 2 of the Clock Afternoon.

Post-Meridiem. The House met according to Adjournment.

Mr. Earle appeared in the House.

Mr. Waters, on his Application to the House, hath Leave of Absence.