

the general Utility, is embezzled by rapacious Officers, it becomes a grievous Oppression.

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The End of Instituting Officers is the Good of the Community, and we do beseech your Excellency to keep this End always in your View. Personal Favour, and private Attachments, we hope, will not be the only Motives in the Choice of Persons to execute the Laws; but that Ability, Uprightness, and such a Share of Property as may put them above the Temptation of Corruption, will be the prevailing Recommendations to your Excellency's Favour in all Promotions to Places of Profit and Trust: By such a Conduct, the People of this Province will reap the full Benefit of the Laws, the Interest of the Proprietor will be best consulted, and the Honour and Dignity of the Administration duly supported.

An Extract from the Report of the Committee of both Houses of Assembly, appointed to Inspect the Office and Proceedings of the Commissioners or Trustees for Emitting Bills of Credit, established by Act of Assembly.

The Naval Officer [Darnall] of Patuxent District in his Account, 1755, charges the Province as follows:

To John Knight's Exchange on Johnson and Company,	53	6	3
To Edward Barnes on Spencer for.....	34	12	5
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	£87	18	8
Credits the Province by 15 d. p Hogshead on 995 } Hogsheads Tobacco,	62	3	9
And charges the Ballance to next Account,.....	25	14	11
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	£87	18	8

Which Ballance of £25.14.11 he transfers to the Debit of his next Year's Account against the Province; but it does not appear that the above Two Bills, amounting to £87.18.8 were ever Credited by the Trustees; yet by their Account of the next Year they Credited the Province by John Hanbury on said Naval Officer's Account £62.3.9 from which, we apprehend, the said Bills were not paid; and the said Naval Officer has ordered Mr. Hanbury to pay the Nett Sum due only on the Tobacco, by the preceding Account exported; by which the said Ballance of £25.14.11 carried to next Account against the Province, should have been again Credited, and not being so, is still due to the Province

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And for Ballance of his Accounts, 1756, he charges } his Orders on William Perkins in Favour of } Mess. ^{rs} Hunt and Hanbury remitted,.....	319	18	4
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