

higher than they are thereby rated I should run the greatest Risk of Incurring His Majesty's as well as the Lord Proprietary's Displeasure, I cannot venture to assent to a farther continuance of the Inspection Law however usefull and advantageous for the Province I may think the other parts of it unless that Particular Clause be altogether left out or altered in some manner or other to obviate the objection that has been made to it

U. H. J.  
Liber No. 36  
Nov. 3

Horatio Sharpe

Adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the afternoon

Eodem Die Post Meridiem

This house met again according to Adjournment

Present as in the Morning

The following Message is sent by Benedict Calvert Esq.<sup>r</sup>  
Gentlemen

By the Upper House of Assembly 3.<sup>d</sup> November 1763.

Altho' we are still of Opinion, for the weighty Reasons given in our last Message, that the 20.<sup>th</sup> of July would be a more proper time of Closing the Inspection, than the last of that Month, Yet we shall acquiesce under your Determination of that Matter.

We also admit that Transfer Notes Shall be received in payment by the Clergy and Others after three Months from their Date

We do not agree to the Naming of the Representatives of the Counties for the purpose mentioned in our Proposition, for we have no doubt, but that the Justices are Sufficiently qualifed to do their Duty, & that this part of the proposed Act would be executed by them faithfully, without the Assistance of the Representatives.

What You mean by the General Expressions contained in the next change of Your Last Message, we do not clearly understand, They are extensive enough to comprehend a great Deal, or may, perhaps, be interpreted in a more limited Sense.

Should it be directly asserted as a Fact that the People in general Loudly complain of the illegal Exactions of Officers, it would greatly, Surprise us, not having heard of any such Complaints, and being, moreover, induced by the Strangest Reasons to believe that, if there are such Long Complaints, They are utterly devoid of all Reasonable grounds. p. 140

What Clamours there may be in any corner of the Province, or what Foundation there may be for them in the Misconduct of any Particular Person, or whether they have not really flowed from Ignorance, or been excited by Misrepresentation, we have no Evidence to direct our Judgments.