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L. H. J.
Liber No. 52
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for preventing frauds in his Majestys Customs, and for the limitation of Officers fees: We cannot agree to continue that Act as it now Stands and have therefore returned the Bill sent us for a Continuance thereof with a Negative, but if it be agreeable to you, we are willing to nominate some members of this house, to Confer with such as you may appoint to consider what alterations or amendments it may be expedient to make in that Law now in force so that a new Bill may be thereupon framed,

Signed p Order, J. Ross, Cl: Up. Ho.

The house Adjourns till the Morrow Morning at 9, of the Clock

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Thursday 13.th Oct^r 1763,

The house met according to Adjournment &c.^a

Upon consideration of the Message of yesterday from the Upper house by Benedict Calvert Esq.^r It is unanimously Resolved that a Message be prepared and Sent to the Upper house in answer thereto,

Ordered that Col.^o Tilghman M^r James Tilghman M.^r J. Hall M^r Hammond M^r Johnson & M^r Murdock do prepare and bring in the same.

The following Message (Viz^t)

By the Lower house of Assembly 13.th Oct.^r 1763

May it please your Honours,

In Answer to your Message of yesterday, attending your Negative to our Bill for continuing the Act, Ent.^d An Act for amending the Staple of Tobacco, for preventing frauds in his Majestys Customs, and for the limitation of Officers fees, we beg leave to inform you that we do not chuse to enter into a Conference upon the General Subject of a new Inspection Law, as you seem to desire, some of your Amendments & Alterations, when proposed, we may possibly incline to come into otherwise may resolve totally to reject, and others to debate upon, so that it appears to us a more eligible method of proceeding, for your honours to point out by way of Message, the Alterations & amendments you think expedient, which may probably either make a Conference unnecessary, or reduce the Subject of it to a few explicit Points, and of Course render the Debates upon the point of Difference more short and easy, We would therefore request your Honours to make us acquainted with the Alterations and Amendments you incline to have made, that we may Consider of the Expediency of Entering into a debate thereupon.

Signed p Order M. Macnemara Cl. Lo. Ho.

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Was Sent to the Upper house by M.^r Tilghman and M^r Johnson.

M^r Henry Baker brings in and delivers to M^r Speaker a Bill Ent.^d an Act for the preservation of the Breed of fish in the rivers Susquehannah & Potomack.