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The quantity of our Staple was too great, and this was the Measure fallen upon to reduce it; when this Alternative is in Effect taken away, the people must again have Recourse to making Tobacco, these and many more, will be the Evils and disadvantages of your proposed Change: and for these, and other good Reasons, & which your addition now of Dollars does not Obviate, we, in our last Message, intimated to your Honours, that we Cou'd not agree either to the Changing the present Establishment of Gold Currency into Tobacco, or of Changing all the payments under the Inspection Law, from Currency into Sterling, not being Satisfied of the Expediency of such a Measure, and we did not doubt but your Honours would have given us your Reasons for proposing so Considerable an Alteration, but as we have been disappointed in our Expectations, we have no rational Inducement for departing from a Regulation we have so long experienced, which we are fully Convinced is entirely Satisfactory to our Constituents, and which indeed from its long Establishment, is become the Foundation on which most of our Commercial Transactions Stand

We hope, therefore, that your Honours will either Concur with us on our Reasons, in this particular, or give more Substantial ones to Induce us to entertain Different Sentiments about it.

And we shall afterwards Readily go into the framing a new Bill upon the plan of the present Law, Including the Alterations & Amendments agreed to by both Houses

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

Was Sent to the Upper house by Mr Hammond & Mr H. Hall

J. Ridout Esq<sup>r</sup> from the Upper house delivers to M<sup>r</sup> Speaker a petition of the Inhabitants of Baltimore Town Indorsed By the Upper house of Assembly 31.<sup>st</sup> Oct.<sup>r</sup> 1763. Referred to the Consideration of the Lower house of Assembly which was here Read and Ordered to lye on the Table

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Stephen Bordley Esq.<sup>r</sup> from the Upper house delivers to M<sup>r</sup> Speaker the Bill Ent.<sup>d</sup> an Act for the Adjournment of Baltimore County Court (Ind<sup>d</sup>) By the upper house of Assembly 31.<sup>st</sup> Oct.<sup>r</sup> 1763, Read the first & Second time by especial order the words therein being added after the word duty in the 3.<sup>d</sup> line and will pass,

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

Which bill was read here and with the amendment proposed passed for Ingrossing

An Ingrossed Bill Ent.<sup>d</sup> Act for the Adjournment of Baltimore County Court was Read and Assented to & Sent to the Upper house with the paper Bill by M.<sup>r</sup> Ringgold & M<sup>r</sup> Jacobs,

B. Calvert Esq.<sup>r</sup> from the Upper house delivers to M<sup>r</sup> Speaker the paper Ent.<sup>d</sup> an Act for the adjournment of Baltimore County