

L. H. J. have been as your Committee understand furnished & filled up by
Liber No. 52 the Clerk of the Council
Dec. 10

Your Committee also Report that the Amerciaments in the Prov.¹ Court granted by Act of Assembly to be applied as the Gov.^r and Council shall Direct Amount (by Information from the Clk of the Prov.¹ Co^t) to about 2500.^{lb} of Tobo annually which were given as your Committee have been informed to the late Clk of the Council tho' your Committee do not know how they are now disposed of

That there is collected by the resptive Naval Officers One Shilling Str p HH^d on all Tobo exported under Colour of an Act of Assembly passed in 1704 granting that Duty to her Majesty Queen Anne her Heirs and Successors for the Support of her Government for the Time being in and over her Mātys Province afs.^d and the Territories to the same belonging which Annually amounts to about £1400 Str

That there are also collected by the said Naval Officers 14^d Str p Ton on all Foreign Vessels under Colour of an Act of Assembly made in 1661 which your Committee conceive on a moderate Computation amount Annually to £1000 or £1200 Str

And that there are also collected by the said Naval Officers 3.^d Str p Ton on all Vessels trading here not built here or owned by Residents of this Province by Virtue of an Act of Assembly passed in 1704 which imposes that Duty for the Use of the Governor of this province for the Time being and which Duty is estimated to Amount to about £200 Str annually

But your Committee do not know to what purposes the said One Shilling p Hh.^d and 14^d p Ton are applied or how the Fines arising by the Coñon Law or Forfeitures under Acts of Assembly granting the same for the Support of Government are disposed of and which your Committee are of Opinion yearly Amount to a considerable Sum

All which is humbly submitted to the Consideration of your Hon^{ble} House

Signed p Order Jn:^o Duckett Jun.^r Clk
which he read in his Place and afterwards delvd in at the Table

The said Report was again read by the Clk a 1st & 2^d Time and referred for Consideration After Noon

The House adjourns 'till 2 of the Clock

P M

The House met

The Governor communicated to M^r Speaker the foll^g Message
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