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delegates in assembly convened, under the hand of the speaker of the same house for the time being) be appointed trustees to receive the same, deducting, for the trouble and care of such naval officer in such collection and payment as aforesaid, the sum of five pounds per cent. out of such money so to be received and paid, and no more. And be it further enacted, by the authority, advice, and consent aforesaid, That such person or persons so to be appointed

p. 34 trustees as aforesaid, shall yearly and every year during the continuance of this act, with all convenient speed transmit such money, or bill or bills of exchange, by them to be received from the several and respective naval officers aforesaid, unto Mr. Samuel Hyde, merchant, in London, who is hereby authorized and impowered to receive and collect the money in such bill or bills mentioned; and that such money, when so by him received, shall remain in his hands, and be as a fund for the purposes aforesaid, and paid by him to such person or persons as the trustees so to be appointed as aforesaid, or the survivor or survivors of them shall, by writing under their hands, order and direct, and not otherwise.

And be it further enacted, by the authority, advice, and consent aforesaid, That such person or persons as shall, from time to time, be appointed as aforesaid to receive the money arising by this act from the naval officers aforesaid, shall be, and are hereby obliged to render and lay an account thereof before the house of delegates of this province, when and so often as the same shall be by them required.

p. 35 And be it further enacted, by the authority aforesaid, That the money arising by the duty aforesaid, shall be applied towards the payment of an agent, to be employed for this Province to reside at London, in Great-Britain, and to such other uses and purposes as shall, from time to time, be thought necessary by the trustees aforesaid, or the survivors of them, and not otherwise. This act to continue until the 29th of September, which shall be in the year 1742.

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By the Upper House of Assembly, June 5th, 1739.

The bill entituled, "An Act to raise a Fund to be applied for the Payment of an Agent, and other necessary Uses of this Province," which you were pleased to send to us, we now return with our Negative to it: for however necessary and convenient it may be, that there should be an agent at the imperial seat, or (if we may be permitted to say) at the court of Great-Britain, yet we cannot but think it decent and reasonable, that the concurrence of the Governor and Upper House should be made necessary in the nomination and appointment of the person designed for that employment.

p. 36 The agents on behalf of other plantations are generally nominated by the legislature or government; but this bill strikes out of the common road, and, by an unaccountable piece of policy, not only