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And your Committee have the Satisfaction of seeing their Sentiments on the Subject strongly confirmed by the Proceedings of the several Branches of the Legislature in the Year 1715 and 1716, all agreeing in the Application of Fines, Forfeitures, and Amerciaments, to public Uses, as may appear by Extracts taken from our own Journals, and annext to this Report. And your Committee do find by the Estimates laid before them, in Consequence of an Address to his Excellency the Governor, that the Twelve pence per Hogshead Duty on Tobacco, for seven Years, from the 29.<sup>th</sup> Day of September, seventeen hundred and fifty nine, to the 29.<sup>th</sup> Day of September, seventeen hundred and sixty five, both inclusive, amounts in the whole, to the Sum of Nine thousand two hundred and sixty three Pounds one Shilling and four Pence half Penny Sterling; and that the Fines and Forfeitures, received from Michaelmas seventeen hundred and fifty three to Michaelmas seventeen hundred and sixty three, both inclusive, amount in the whole, to the Sum of forty two Pounds twelve Shillings and Eleven Pence Sterling; and fifteen hundred and Eighty six Pounds Seven Shillings and seven Pence Current Money; and that the Provincial Amerciaments, from the Year seventeen hundred and fifty nine, to the Year seventeen hundred and sixty five, both inclusive, amount in the whole, to the Sum of forty two thousand nine hundred Pounds of Tobacco.

Your Committee beg Leave to inform the Honourable House, that, so far as they have prosecuted their Enquiry with Respect to the Twelve Pence per Hogshead, claimed by the Lord Proprietary of this Province, they are of Opinion, that the same has been taken, and received from the People, without any just foundation, or existing Law, to support it, tho', in Order to a fuller Investigation of this Matter, and to afford the House the requisite Satisfaction of the Grounds whereon they have formed their Opinion, a longer Time and further Inspection of the ancient Laws, Records, and Journals, are conceived to be absolutely necessary. Your Committee have therefore thought proper to bring in this seperate Report, chiefly relative to the ffines, fforfeitures, and Amerciaments, hoping that the Length, Importance, and Difficulty of the Work, will excuse them, at present, with Regard to the twelve Pence per Hogshead

All which is humbly submitted to the Consideration of the Honourable House

Signed per Order, Henry Wilkins, Cl.

p. 448 Extracts from the Journal of the Lower House of Assembly

The following Message being prepared, is ordered to be entered, Viz.†

By the House of Delegates, May 5, 1715.

May it please your Excellency,

By an Act of Assembly of this Province entitled, An Act for Amerciaments in the Provincial and County Courts, made the twenty