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them lies, the Ease and Welfare of the Province, this House having agreed to carry the said Dispute between the Lord Proprietary, and the People, before his Majesty in Council, without any Public Money to pay an Agent, Whether his Lordship should pay the Clerk of the Council, his Claim, and other necessary Expences of Government, out of those Public Revenues? or, whether the People should be taxed, for them, and his Lordship keep all those Public Monies, without Account, to his private Use? Firmly relying on the Public Virtue and Spirit of their Constituents, that each, and every one, will contribute some Part of his Private Property, for employing an Agent in London, to conduct the settling and determining a Matter in which the County in general is so much interested; more especially, when at the same Time, and for nearly the same Expence, they may likewise procure Relief from other Aggrievances this Province labours under, and particularly the Want of a standing Agent at the Court of Great Britain to be maintained at the Public Charge.

Resolved Therefore, That this House do appoint Charles Garth, Esq<sup>o</sup> lately special Agent for this Province, their Agent for conducting and managing the Business aforesaid.

Resolved, That the Honourable Speaker, M.<sup>r</sup> Murdock, Col. Tilghman, M.<sup>r</sup> Ringgold, M.<sup>r</sup> Johnson, and M.<sup>r</sup> John Hall, of Annapolis, or any Three of them, be a Committee, in the Recess of Assembly, to correspond with the said Charles Garth, Esq<sup>o</sup> and that the said Committee do prepare, with all possible Dispatch, and transmit to the said Agent, a full State of the Dispute aforesaid, as well as of our other Aggrievances, more especially in relation to the 12.<sup>d</sup> per Hogshead, and the Want of a public Support for an Agent, and also authenticated Copies of Records, and all other Papers and Matters necessary for carrying on the said Disputes; and that the said Committee of Correspondence lay Copies of their Letters to the said Agent, together with any Letters they may receive from him, before the next Assembly of the Delegates of this Province.

And whereas, for the supplying such Materials as may be necessary for the Purposes aforesaid, it may be deemed requisite by the said Committee, that a thorough Examination and Inspection be made into all the Acts that have been passed relative to the Revenue, and every Branch thereof, and raising and levying Money upon the People, in any Manner whatever, towards supporting the executive Powers of Government, together with the cotemporary Journals and Proceedings, not only of this House, but also of the Upper House, Governor and Council, and Governor and Privy Council.

Resolved also, That the said Committee have free Access to all Papers, Books, and Records, in any of the Public Offices, to search and examine the same, and demand and take Copies of any Part thereof, they may think proper: And also that the said Committee have Power to employ a Clerk, who shall have the same Daily Allowance under them, that Clerks in Session-time have; and that this