

L. H. J. M.^r Hayward, M.^r Allen, and M.^r Sullivane, a committee to state
 Liber No. 52 the facts relating to indian affairs, and make report to the house
 May 26

M.^r John Eden, a delegate returned for Saint Marys County; appeared in the house

Ordered that M.^r Parran and M.^r Gantt do go with the gentleman to the upper house to see him qualified. They return and acquaint M.^r speaker, they saw him qualified in the usual manner.

The gentleman took his seat in the house.

p. 494 M.^r speaker communicated to the house a letter from Thomas Cushing esquire, speaker of the house of representatives for Massachusetts Bay, respecting the late acts of parliament imposing duties on the colonies for the sole purpose of raising a revenue. Also the following letter from Peyton Randolph esquire, speaker of the house of burgesses for the colony of Virginia, and copy of a resolve of the said house

Virginia May 5.th 1767.

Sir

The house of burgesses of this colony in their last session directed me to transmit to you the inclosed resolution which was formed with a design to be laid before your assembly for their concurrence; and to point out to that respectable body, the out lines of an act they are desirous should pass for building a light house on Cape Henry. The advantages that will result to the trade of both colonies, and the safety that will be procured to many of our fellow subjects, should such a work be accomplished, leave me no room to doubt, that your legislature will readily join us in so useful an undertaking. I must request of you, sir, to take their sentiments on this subject, as soon as you can, and hope it may appear so necessary to you as to claim your assistance. It gives me particular pleasure that this part of my duty affords me an opportunity of expressing my esteem for your character, and of assuring you that I am with the greatest respect, your most obedient servant

Peyton Randolph

Resolved, that a light-house be erected on Cape Henry, for the convenience of vessels trading to this colony; and that the expence of building and maintaining such light-house be defrayed by a duty on the tonnage of vessels, not exceeding six pence per ton, for, and during the term of five years; and after that term, what other sum shall be found necessary to be paid by the owners or masters, once every voyage at the time of their clearing out, to be collected and received by the respective collectors or officers who shall be appointed to receive the same, and by them to be accounted for and paid to the treasurer of this colony, for the time being, appointed by, or pursuant to an act of assembly for the uses and purposes aforesaid. And, that the speaker of this house be desired to transmit this resolution to the speaker of the house of representatives of the province of