

*Votes and
Proceedings
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Or, if such a Regulation cannot be obtained, perhaps, a Proposition to the following Purpose may. To obviate the Objection of a Disparity of Payment in the same Parish, let the Number of Tobacco and Non-Tobacco makers be ascertained; let the Amount of the Tobacco and Money Payments be also ascertained as under the late Inspection Law, and the Tobacco valued or rated, yearly, by the County Courts in *August*, at a medium Price, and the whole equally and fairly divided among the taxable Persons of the Parish. This to commence and terminate with the present Inspection Law.

Should this also fail, permit us, Sir, solicitous as we are for the Peace and Welfare of the Province, to trespass so far on your Patience, as to offer a Third Proposition. Let each taxable Person in a Parish have the Option of paying in the Month of *August*, either the Tobacco due by Law to his Incumbent, or Five Shillings Common Currency; for and continuing the same Term of Years as the former Proposition was made upon.

We hope, Sir, that the Propositions which we have here made, will appear to your Excellency and the other Branches of the Legislature not unreasonable; not that we are so sanguine as to flatter ourselves that they are without Exception. If, from any, or all of them, or any other, not shaking the Foundation of our present Establishment, a Plan can be devised acceptable to the People and not injurious to our Church, we shall be happy. If not, faithfully endeavouring to discharge our Duty, our Resolution is to abide, without Deviation, by the Act of 1701-2; the Validity whereof, we hope will soon be established by a solemn legal Decision.

We are Sir, Your dutiful humble Servants,

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| THO. THORNTON, | JONATHAN BOUCHER, |
| H. ADDISON, | DAVID LOVE, |
| J. GORDON, | JOHN ANDREWS, |
| HUGH NEILL, | WILLIAM EDMISTON, |
| ROB. READ, | JOHN MONTGOMERY, |
| SAMUEL KEENE, | WALTER MAGOWAN, |
| THOMAS JOHN CLAGGETT, | JACOB HENDERSON |
| FRANCIS LAUDER, | HINDMAN. |

ORDERED, That the said Message and Propositions be read, and they were read accordingly, and ordered to lie on the Table.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act for the Division of Baltimore County, &c.* was sent to the Upper House by Mr. *Aq. Hall* and Mr. *Tolly*.

The Order of the Day for taking into further Consideration the Governor's Speech at the Opening of *October* Convention being read, after some Debate thereon, the Question was put, That the Sum of Three Thousand Pounds be appropriated; and that Sum, or so much thereof as shall be necessary, be applied and expended under the Direction of Commissioiners in repairing, opening, and putting