

His Ex^{ty} was desirous to know if there were any Gentlemen here present that had been privy to such matters, to which they severally replied they were ignorant of any such thing, but supposed that Mr. Chesapeake & Capt. Good could give the best satisfaction thereon and thereupon ordered that the said Mr. Chesapeake & Capt. Good be sent for to attend this Board on Monday next to know what they can say in the premises.

July 28th 1694.

Read a Letter from the Commissioners of the Customs house of the 24th of April last directed to the Rector & Governor of the College of William and Mary in Virginia; Ordered that the same be Entered in the Journall of this Board, the which follows in these words, Viz.

Gentlemen
Commissioners of the
Customs house
to the Rector of Virg^{ia}
College

We have Received yours of the 28th November wherein you seem to be of Opinion that the Propositions for allowing the Officers in Virginia and Maryland certain Annual Salaries instead of three fourth parts of the Duties arising by the penny per pound on Tobacco within their respective Districts will be prejudicial not only to the College but to their Majesties interest, And you having proposed twenty sh^{ill} sent as a sufficient Allowance for collecting the said Duty with which you say the Collectors being generally well W^{ill} be content; We shall take our selves not further concerned therein then to refer the same to you for making such Agreement and settlement with the said Collectors, who will otherwise find Encouragement for their diligence in putting in Execution the Acts of Trade and Navigation by the third part of the Profits thereof thereby provided for them.

We concur with you in Opinion that the Office of Comptroler & Surveyor Gen^l is superfluous since the Govern^r of the College can audit the Accounts of the several Collectors. And we agree as you desire that the said Office be let fall and the profits thereof saved to the College which you are to assign to Mr. Philip Ludfoot the present Compt. and Surveyor with the Office of the next suitable Collectors place that shall become void.

We have considered the Reasons offered by you against sending this Duty of a penny per pound for England, And as for what thereof shall be actually paid down in Money we think it needless that it should be remitted further And do therefore agree with you that it should be levied without being kept in the

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