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House of Commons 5th April 1766

Resolved.

That in humble address be presented to His Majesty, that he will be graciously pleased to give Instructions to the Commissioners of Trade and Plantations, to prepare, in order to be laid before this House, the next Session of Parliament, an Account of the Number and Amount of the Bills of Credit, which have been created and issued in the several British Colonies and Plantations in America, as well those under His Majesty's Government since January 1719, distinguishing the amount of the same in each Colony and Plantation, and the respective time when such Bills were issued with the amount of the same in the Treasury of Great Britain, with at the same time when such Bills were issued, and at the time of preparing the said Account, and also the times fixed for calling in, sinking and discharging such Bills, and the sumes appropriated for that purpose.

Annapolis 11th July 1766.

My Lords

I now do Myself the honour to acknowledge the Receipt of Your Lordships Letter dated the 11th of May together with a List of the Bills of Credit paper in the possession of Parliament and also Copies of those Bills the substance of which in order that no Person here may remain ignorant thereof shall without Delay be published in the Maryland Gazette and Your Lordships may be assured that such of them as are prohibitory or penal shall within this Government be duly observed.

To the Lords of Trade

With great Respect I am Your Lordships most Obedient humble servant.

H. Sharpe

Annapolis 1st August 1766.

My Lords

In Obedience to your Lordships requisition signified to me by one of your Letters int the 11th of May last wherein was inclosed a copy of an Address from the House of Commons to His Majesty respecting the Bills of Credit which have been created and issued in the several British Colonies and Plantations in America I now transmit Your Lordships a particular account of the Bills of Credit that have been issued in this Province which I hope will be satisfactory; and am with great Respect

To the Lords of Trade

Your Lordships most Obed. humble servant

H. Sharpe

In Account of the Paper Currency or Bills of Credit that have been emitted in the Province of Maryland since January 1719.

There were at that time in Circulation in the said Province Bills of Credit to the Amount of Sixty five Thousand Pounds that by the Act under which they had been emitted were made valid in Value to the American Currency described and regulated by the Act of Parliament made in the Sixth Year of Queen Ann, and in Order to support the Credit or Value of said Bills and to sink them within a certain time a Duty of Fifteen Pence Sterling was laid on every Hogshead of Tobacco which should be exported out of the Province before