

Assembly at their last Session, in Order that a Speedy and effectual one may be put to the Debates that have so long subsisted betwixt them.

It is the Unanimous Opinion of the Members of this Board that they will contribute towards the defraying the Expenses that must necessarily attend the Prosecution of the said Appeals, and that Hugh Hamersly Esq. be employed as Agent on behalf of the Upper House to manage the Business in London and His Excellency is requested to engage him for that purpose, by the first Opportunity.

Ordered that Daniel Dulany John Aidout; and Charles Goldsborough Esq. and Walter Dulany Esq. draw up a full Representation of the State of the Disputes betwixt the two Houses and that they extract from the Records such Materials as they shall deem proper to Support the Pretensions of the Upper House.

His Excellency is pleased to lay the two following Extracts of Letters from Hugh Hamersly Esq. before this Board desiring their Advice thereon.

22nd March 1766.

His Lordship ever attentive to the Interests of his People has conceived that a Paper Coinage may be of Use in promoting a Circulation of Specie, if your Excellency should be of the same Opinion and should find it agreeable to the Province. His Lordship is very willing to undertake without any Advantage to himself the Coining a proper Quantity of Paper equivalent to the English Pounds and to answer a requisite Currency, or if it will be more agreeable to you to have the Coinage at home His Lordship is equally ready to pay his Compliment by sending over a proper Dye and if the Province will take upon them the Charge he will endeavour to find out proper Persons to execute it upon the easiest Terms.

8th Nov. 1766. - His Lordships only View in proposing the Paper Coinage was to promote the good of the Province, whether this Measure will have that Tendency your Excellency and the Council are the best Judges and his Lordship will very readily conform to your Sentiments as you are apprized of his Motives.

Whereupon the Board expresses their Sense of his Lordships kind Intention and desire to serve the Province but give it as their Opinion that as there has been a late Emission of Bills of Credit it does not appear expedient to propose a Paper Coinage at this time.

At a Council held at the Governors on Thursday the 2^d day of April in the Sixteenth Year of his Lordships Dominion Anno Domini 1767.

Present

His Excellency Horatio Sharpe Esq. Governor

The Honble Benjamin Dasher, John Aidout Cha. Goldsborough and Walter Dulany Esq.

His Excellency is pleased to lay before this Board the following Address from Sundry Inhabitants of Baltimore Town.

To his Excellency Horatio Sharpe Esq. Governor and Commander in Chief in and over the Province of Maryland.

May it please your Excellency.

We the Inhabitants of Baltimore Town, ever desirous of shewing our Loyalty to the best of Kings; beg leave to Address your Excellency on an Affair which we deem Important and if not attended to in time may interrupt the future Welfare of many of his Majestys faithful Subjects.

About eight Months past a Number of French Neutrals from this Place and other parts embarked as we always understood on Voyage to Pensacola, but have since learnt they have Landed at New Orleans and are become Subjects of the French King; another Body of these People near 300 in Number are now preparing to embark from hence in Order to go to the same Place.

When we consider how well these People are acquainted with the Navigation of our Bay