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which was here read and approved of, and ordered that Mr. Henrich
Cheseldyne Coll. John Hinson Coll. Tho. Esmalls Capt. John Franklyn
Mr. Phil. Loyde Coll. John Thompson Mr. John Hall, Coll. Mr. Holland,
Mr. Elisha Hall, and Maj. Wm. Dent, Mr. Tho. Greenfield and Coll. Henry
Love, carry the same to his Ex^{ty} in Councils.

They returne and say they delivered the same
Put to the question whether the Consideration of the paym^t of Levy
in Money be put to the vote of the house or referred to the Considera-
tion of a Committee.

Resolved by Majority of votes that the same be put to Consideration
of a Committee and to make report thereof to this house.

And
Maj. Tho. Smith, Maj. Wm. Dent, Coll. William Hollands,
Mr. Wm. Hutcheson, Mr. Henrich Cheseldyne, Mr. James Saunders,
Coll. Henry Love, Coll. Tho. Esmalls, Mr. William Harris, a
Committee for Consideration of the afores^d Proposals are sent oute
Coll. John Hammond & Coll. Francis Jenkins enter the house
and deliver Mr. Speaker a Message which is referred till the afternoon.

The house adjourns till two a clock post Merid^o
Post Merid^o The house mett againe present as in the Morning.

Tho. Tench Esq. Coll. Jm. Addison James Jusby Esq. and Coll. John
Hammond enter the house and deliver the honble Speaker
the following Message.

Gent:

His Majesty has been very Gracious in having a particular
care to avoid the Laying any burthen upon you in this province he
having allotted the 3^d for Armes and the most of his Government
in the West Indies to my knowledge are constrained to supply themselves.

I must remaⁿke to you that the Money arising from the said
duty of 3^d is to be disposed of only by myselfe and his Maty^s Honble
Council here and therefore must be very Cautious in making
any Misapplication of it, but since this seems not to carry the face
of being repugnant to my instructions or at least by the literal words
I doe construe it soe and that it will be an Rape to the Countys
which I am allways ready to oblige the Gent^s of this Maty^s Council
are pleased to joyn with me in assenting to it, and desir^e you will
make your proposals what may be expected sufficient for each County.

I am Gent^s Yr^s Humble Serv^t

N. Blakiston.

Which being read it is ordered that the same be againe read to
Morrow Morning.

The petition of the Vestry of Kings and Queens Parish in St. Marys
County for removing the County Court or dividing St. County was likewise read