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Upon the Consideration thereof the difficulty appears to us thus, that the wealthy part of the Province might comply with such a Law and that it might in a great Measure advance Trade and introduce Money also yett in the Meantime the poorest part of the people who cannot Command it from places where it may be had will be more oppressed then now because they will be under necessity to purchase Money from them if they have it at w^t. late they will sell it w^t. difficulty we cannot advise to lay them under absolutely.

But because we would not have soe good a motion totally rejected but Indeavour to accomodate the Matter to the ability as well as the poor as the rich till time and experience shall ripen us for further Steps therein we Humbly propose -

That if the Law may be qualified with a Liberty to those that cannot give Money by a certaine Limitation of time in each Year to pay tobacco it might encourage those that could give Money to pay publick dues in it if they thought it advantageous to them and by that means draw more Money in and then if the poor could with their Moveables give part of it they might in time come in to the same paym^t. but in the Meantime we would not enjoyne them to w^t. at present appears impossible for them to performe.

The Scheme of w^{ch}. is agreed by us is as follow^s:-

That the Sher^{iff}. shall be obliged to receive all publick dues either in Money or tob. at the Election of the payer provided such persons tender the Money to the Sher^{iff} by the first day of Jan^y. (1717).

But in default of such tender at the time afo^r. then it may be Lawfull for the Sher^{iff}. to execute for the same as heretofore he used to doe And further that any Debt due to him from the publick County or parishes shall be obliged to take and receive the same in Money or tob. proportionable to the tob. and Money t^o. and the tob. to be valued in Money by the Com^{mission}. in each respective County in November Court (Yearly) - and all publick officers fees be allowed paid at the Election of the Debt^{ors}. in Money at p^rice Current soe as afo^r. annually rated every November Court as afo^r. and alsoe all practitioners in the Law in any of his (Maj^{ty}. Courts of this Province as afo^r. be obliged to take and receive their fees in Money at the prices afo^r. sett. or in tob. at the Election of the Debtors, that if publick officers putt not their List of fees into the Sher^{iff}. or other hands before the first of Jan^y. in every Year the party Debt^{ors}. be no ways obliged to answer the same that Year.

The Committee adjourned to the house

Signed by Order,

Rich^d. Dallam Ch^r. Comitted.

Which being here read and Considered the house Concurr^s intirely with