

Ordered That they bring in an Account of their particular Charge and lay before the House for further Consideration.

Moved by a Member whether it be not necessary that there be an Account given this Day of the quarter Part of the 12th of 1765 appropriated for Arms &c

Resolved it's absolutely necessary. Therefore Ordered Mr. Bladen Clerk of the House Council be sent for. Mr. Bladen accordingly appeared in the House and Mr. Speaker required of him to render an Account to the House of the 3rd of 1765 who declared his Willingness thereto so far as he could and so withdrew. Soon after by Permission of the House Mr. Bladen came in and delivered Mr. Speaker Mr. Plater and Mr. Rousby's Accounts of the 3rd of 1765 and so withdrew.

Then the aforesaid Accounts were given to the Gentlemen appointed to view the Arms &c who are required to inspect the said Accounts and report the same to the House by all convenient Speed.

The Petition of Madam Seymour for an Allowance for House Rent read and Ordered the Committee of Accounts allow the same

Moved by a Member whether it be not for the Benefit and Interest of the Country to take off the 6th of Gallon Duty on Rum or no? Resolved Nemine contradicente That it is for the Benefit of the Country. And Ordered That a Bill be prepared that all Rum imported by Land or by Water as well in Vessels belonging to the Country as Foreigners pay 3rd of Gallon Duty and no more unless such Vessels as are owned by the Inhabitants of this Province and come directly from the West-Indies — And that the Act for 9th of Gallon Duty on Rum be repealed

The Committee of Laws makes their Report to the House relating to Ordinary Licenses Ordered to be read which follows vizt

To the second Article in which Sir Thomas Lawrence only arbitrarily avers that the Benefit of Ordinary Licenses were of the Lord Proprietary assigned to the Secretaries not as pretended by more Favour to them as his Relations without any Proof but by an Exchange for Naval Officers Fees; we do with more Likelihood believe and are credibly informed that by Command from Cecilius Lord Baltimore to his Son the now Lord Proprietary the fine for Ordinary Licenses was given to his Kinsman William Calvert Esq for his better Support without mentioning of such Exchange — We find also that in the 1672, and how long before we know not the said present Lord Baltimore kept the Benefit of those Licenses to himself and doubtless kept them so all the Time of Secty Sewell, till William Calvert Esq, his Kinsman was made Secretary; which shows 'twas done in Respect of Relations only, for such Ordinary Licenses have no Affinity to the Office nor does he put Pen to Paper for them

To the second Paragraph of the third where Sir Thomas says it's strange and untrue that the House of Delegates affirm that they do not find any Orders from the King and
(Council)