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Upon ^{late} P^{ar}l^{ia}ment of 26th Article of her Majesty's Instructions concerning the 12^d of the
for the use and Support of the Government of this Province to be applied by your
Excellency in the manner as in the said Article is directed and on P^{ar}l^{ia}ment of the
Accounts of John Rousby Esq^r one of the Officers that collected ^{supplied} 2^d of the Part
of the said 12^d for purchasing Arms and Ammunition for this Province in
Patuxent District it appears that for many years by past that Part of the
said Impost applied for Arms has been very much impaired and the Ends for
which it was designed in a great measure frustrated by Reason of the extra-
-vagant Salary of a hundred Pound Sterling of Arrium taken out of that
three Pence by the said John Rousby as Receiver of the said 12^d in Patuxent
District. This House humbly offers unto your Excellency that the said Duty of
12^d of the said is not chargeable with that Salary; but rather that the Fines and
Forfeitures arising in this Province if duly collected and applied are sufficient
to defray the Charge of the Collection of the Revenue in all the Districts of
this Province; And whereas this House has been informed that besides the
said John Rousby one or more are appointed Receivers of the Revenue in this
Province. It is further proposed that the Number of Officers for the said
Collection of 12^d be reduced to one. And we likewise with all Submission
pray that your Excellency will be pleased to communicate to us in such manner
as shall seem most meet and expedient to your Excellency who are the present
Collectors of his Majesty's Revenue in all the Districts of this Province by
what Authority they have or do receive the same and how they are paid their
respective Yearly Salaries. All which (it is hoped) will ~~stand~~ ^{attend} to the Redress
of the Misapplication of that Part of the said 12^d applied for Arms and
put this House in a Condition of judging in Pursuance of the 27th Article of
the said Instructions what is further necessary to be done for the Support of
this Government for the Honour and Maintenance of which we think ourselves
very nearly concerned and shall be ready upon all Occasions to give Demon-
-stration of the same. Signed & Order Tho^s Maignemara J^r Ho^us^e Del^o

Sent up to his Excellency the Governor and Council by Mr. Tyler, Colo^l Macbeth,
Colo^l Macfield, Major Wilson, Major Woolford, Colo^l Norman, Mr. Blay and
Capt. Harris. They return and say they delivered the said Address
Mr. Thomas Bondley from the Committee of Laws delivers to Mr. Spenser an
ingrossed Bill prohibiting the Impostation of Broad Beer &c. Houses and
it was from P^{ar}l^{ia}ment