

Encouragement of Tillage the Inland Traders are obliged to receive all the Debts due to them in Country Commodities: And a Question being put whether the same be an Aggravation is Resolved in the Affirmative by Majority of Votes; and for Remedy thereof it is Resolved That a Law obliging all Merchants as well foreign as Inland to take good Merchantable clean Tobacco at a one Penny Sterling of Pound and Half at 6. Sterling of Pound in Discharge of all Money Debts due to them either by Contract, Bill, Bond or protested Bill of Exchange or any other way or means whatsoever will be of great Advantage to this Province: And therefore it is ordered that the Committee of Laws on reviewing the Act about Tillage insert a Clause in the said Act obliging all Creditors as well foreign as Inland to accept of Tobacco at one Penny for Pound and good well and ordered clean Half at six Pence for the Sterling for all Money Debts due to them by any way or means whatever provided that all the Debt be paid in any one of the two said Commodities or either of them —

And the House having considered of that Part of the said Report relating to Negroes gathering together in great Numbers. Resolved that the Law relating to Servants and Slaves sufficiently provides a Remedy for that Inconvenience — And that Part of the said Report relating to the Commissary General's Office being considered is referred to the Committee of Laws, to insert a Clause for remedying in the same in Act for Probate of Wills and granting Administrations. And that Part of the Report relating to levying Tines and suffering Common Recoveries being considered the House resolves the same is an Aggravation and that introducing such a Practice tends to the Ruin of many in this Province —

John Hall Esq, from the Honourable Council delivers Mr. Speaker the following viz: A Bill for laying an Imposition on Irish Servants, Negroes and several Sorts of Liquors &c thus indorsed viz:

By his Excellency the Governor and Council in Assembly May the 16. 1715 —
 The within Bill being read in Council it is observed that the Clause exempting the Country People from paying the 3. Pennage and relating to Naval Officers Fees has no Dependence upon this Act for several Imposts but of quite different Nature taking off a duty not imposed by this Law but other, and therefore the saving or Exception seems very irregular: and besides, the Act for Pennage and Limitation of Officers Fees have already provided therefor. Wherefore it is recommended that the latter Clause be left out of the Law and that the Title thereof be altered viz: ^{An} Act for laying an Imposition on Negroes and on several Sorts of liquors imported and also on Irish Servants to prevent importing