

on the 16 of this Instant May by Col^o Lloyd and Col^o Esmalle to which no Answer has been returned. I desire you will offer it to the Consideration of the House who ther throo Mem^o being returned for our County to serve in the Assembly will not answer the End proposed by the Said Instruction.

Jo. Hart

To which the following is prepared in Answer Viz^t

By the House of Delegates May the 23^d 1715

May it please your Excellency,

The one and twentieth Article of the Royal Instructions brought down by Col^o Lloyd and Col^o Esmalle on the 16th and your Message of this Day by Col^o Addison being considered and debated the Matter therein being now we desire the same may be referred to the Consideration of next Sessions of Assembly by which Time we shall better inform ourselves of the Convenience or Inconvenience that will attend such Alteration

Signed & Order Tho^s. Mainomara *(The Gov^r)*

The same is sent up to the Honble Council by Mr. Caran and Mr. Holdsworth.

They return and say they delivered the Message.

Col^o Thomas Spoonfield from the Honourable Council delivers Mr. Speaker the transcribed Bill declaring how the forty Pounds of Tobacco & Poll shall be disposed of &c^t with the following Message Viz^t

By his Excellency the Governor and Council in Assembly May the 23^d 1715

We take Notice that in the Preamble of the Act declaring how the forty Pounds of Tobacco & Poll shall be disposed of &c^t (N^o 1) and transcribed in Parchment and sent up to this Board to be reviewed Reference is made therein to an Act of Religion not in Force therefore ought to be reconstituted & amended

Signed & Order W. Bladen *(The Council)*

Thereupon the same is sent up to the Committee of Laws to be reconstituted and amended accordingly

The House adjourns till One O'Clock in the Afternoon.

Monday Afternoon

The House met according to Adjournment. Present as in the Morning. A Bill relating to Criminals &c^t was read the second Time in the House of Delegates pursuant to the Order in the Morning by especial Order and will pass and so ordered. The same is sent up to the Honble Council by Mr. Wright and Mr. Taylor. They return and say they delivered the same

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