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And resolved it be sic Pence which in all will make an Imposition of Eighteen Pence of the to the Lord Proprietary the the beam of the said Gauge of thirty two Inches in the Head within the Gage, not exceeding thirty seven Inches in the Bulge, and forty Eight Inches in the Stave Provided that on such Tobacco being taken or lost, at Sea for which such Imposition was paid the Proprietor may ship as much free from any such Imposition and from any other whatsoever imposed by the Laws.

St. Col<sup>o</sup> Richard Dillhaman from the Hon<sup>ble</sup> Council acquaints Mr. Speaker that the Hon<sup>ble</sup> Council had agreed and assented to the three following engrossed Bills on the 31<sup>st</sup> Day of May 1715.

An engrossed Bill for the  <sup>speedy</sup> Recovery of small Debts out of Court before a single Justice of the Peace.

An engrossed Bill for the Direction of Sheriffs in their Offices and restraining their ill Practices in this Province.

An engrossed Bill providing what shall be good Evidences to prove foreign and other Debts and to prevent vexatious and unnecessary Suits at Law and pleading Discounts in Bar.

The following is prepared in Answer to his Excellency's Letter about my Lord Baltimore's Rents and ordered to be entered viz<sup>t</sup>

By the House of Delegates June the first 1715  
May it please your Excellency,

We heartily condole the Loss of our late Lord Prop<sup>r</sup> not only as a generous Landlord, but a general Friend to this Province. We likewise congratulate his present Lordship on the Descent of his Prop<sup>r</sup>ship upon him to home we wish a long and happy Enjoyment of it and assure your Excellency it is no small Satisfaction to us to find that on his late Lordship's Decease he is succeeded by a Protestant Son of that great Character your City has always given him; nor can we be unmindful of your Excellency's Care and Favour towards us in so speedily communicating to us the Opportunity your Excellency has of making us easy in the Affair of our Land Rents which is of so great Concern to his Lordship and this Province; for which we return your Excellency our most hearty Thanks. And since your Excellency has been pleased to intimate his Lordship does not design to stand to the Agreement formerly made with his Ancestors in that Respect as the Case of Tobacco now stands. We humbly propose to lay an Imposit of 10<sup>d</sup> St. of the beam of the Gauge of 32 Inches in the Head within the Gage, not exceeding 37 Inches in the Bulge and 48 Inches in the Length of the Stave for his Majesty towards defraying the publick Charge of this Province which we resolve to apply to his Lordship's