

Of this Province to be applyed by your Excellency in the manner as in the said Article
it Directed and on purpose of the Accounts of John Rousby Esq; one of the Officers
that Collected & kept part of the said 12^d applyed for purchasing Ammunition and
munition for this Province in Delaware District, it appears that for many
years past that part of the said impost applyed for Ammunition has been very much
impaired, and the end for which it was Designed in a great Measure frustrated
by reason of the extravagant Salary of a hundred pounds per Annum
taken out of that three pence by the said John Rousby as Collector of the
said 12^d in Delaware District

This house humbly offers unto your Excellency that the Duty of my Lord is
not chargeable with that Salary, but rather that the Taxes and forfeitures
arising in this Province if duly Collected and applyed, 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 Collectors 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 pleas'd to Communicate to us in such manner as shall seem
most meet and expedient to your Excellency who are the Deficient 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 payed their
respective yearly Salaries - All which it is hoped will tend to the redress
of the misapplication of that Part of the said 12^d applyed for Ammunition
and put the 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 our selves very nearly Concerned and shall be ready upon all
occasions to give Demonstration of the same

Signed for the Province
The: Macnemara Clerk

Sent up to his Excellency the Gov^r Council by Mr Eyer, Mr Mackall, Mr
Mackfield, Major Willson, Major Wolford, Mr Norman, Mr Blair and
Capt Paris - They Return'd and say they shew'd the said Bill
Mr Thomas Wordley from the Committee of Law shew'd Mr Speaker
An Engrossed Bill prohibiting the importation of bread beer &c
Hops and Malt from Delaware

The House adjourns till to morrow morning eight a Clock -

Saturday Morning 19th May 1715 -

The house next according to adjournment present as on yesterday