Wee heartily Condole the loss of your late Lord Propry not only as a generous Landlord, but a generall friend to this Province — We likewise Congratulate his present Lordship on the descent of his Propr Ship upon him to home wee wish a long and happy Enjoyment of it and Assure your Excelly it is no small satisfaction to us to find that on his late Lordship Decease he is succeeded by a protestant sonn of that great Character your Excelly has all ways given him, nor Can wee be unmindfull of your Excellys care and favour towards us in soe speedily Communicating to us the opportunity your Excelly has of making us Easy in the Affair of our Land Rents which is of soe great Concerne to his Lsship and this Province, for which wee Returne your Excelly our most hourly thanks and since your Excelly has been pleased to intimate his Lordship does not designe to stand to the Agreement formerly made with his Ancestors in yt respect as the Case of Tobacco hide now stands — Wee humbly Propose to lay an Impost of 18d Sterl p hhd being of the gage of 32 inches in the head within the Cruze not Exceeding 37 Inches in the bulge and 48 inches in the length of the Slave for his Majesty towards defraying the Publiqe charge of this Province which wee Resolve to apply to his Lsship's use if his Lsship will be pleased to accept thereof as an Equivalent for taking his Land rents and Fynes for Alienations within this Province (as his noble father did) in Tobacco at two pence Sterl p pound during his natural life, and humbly pray your Excelly will be pleased to assist us in recommending the same to his Lsship — Wee persuade our selves that his Lsship thinks it is his Interest to consult the welfare of this Province as his noble Ancestors did and towards the Support of the Government wee are also willing to make an advance of three pence Sterl p hhd on every hhd of Tobacco exported of the afd Gauge ~~in Consid~~, in Consideration of its being soe enlarged as a just and reasonable Compensation therefore without which the Revenue would be very much diminished and impaired and as in the former Laws to prepare a Petitionary bill for both the sd imposts under the same provisoe as soon as yr Excelly will be pleased to notifie your approbation —

Signed pr ordr Thos Mainemara Chd

the same is sent up to his Excelly the Govr by Mr Tyler Col Maubert Major Willson, Major Phillops Col Maxfield, Mr Whittington Major Ward Capn Tripp, Mr Wright and Mr Deshield —

They Returne and say they Delivered the Message

Mr Thomas Robins from the Comittee of Laws delivers Mr Speaker