

By the Upper house of Assembly July 28th 1716,

This Bill read in this house the first time and will pass with the amendments
vizt That six months time be thought notice enough for the Law to take
place and that there be an Exemption for the duty on Negroes Imported by
Ships wholly owned by the Inhabitants of this Province.

Whereupon the following Indentment was ordered to be made vizt
By the Lower house of Assembly July 28th 1716,

That I please your Honours

Above endorsement on this bill being Considered we are of Opinion that
Sufficient Encouragement is already given by former Laws to the Inhabitants
of Barbets and therefore had it not been further to encourage them last we
should be censured by Strangers of partiality and also give an opportunity
to some by bringing Negroes and Irish servants from Neighbouring
Provinces to settle the Land yet therefore cannot agree to the Exemption
proposed — signed by order — The Mayor and C. C.

sent to the Upper house by Mr. Harris Esq^r Geo and M^r Stee

Returned and say they delivered the Bill —
To Messrs. Small, G. G. Young, John Wall Esq, G. W. Wallington
and G. Smith Deviser. He speaks the following Message (Crisis)

By the Upper house of Assembly July 28th 1716
G. M. P. In due Consideration of your Message by G. Stearns Esq
and fourteen more of the members of your house We acquaint you that we
doe approve of your proposals therein and unanimously give them with
signed by order G. W. Wallon Esq. & C.

It is therefore ordered that the Com^o of Leas doe prepare and bring in
a bill accordingly —

That Small also delivers. He speaks the following Letters from Mr
Parrot to his Excy and the message there under. —

Memphis July the 28th 1716

May it please your Excy I hope it will not look impo-
ssible to inform your Excy that I understand the Officers thro' whose hands the
money to be paid the said Prop^{ty} in Compensation of his rent & for support
of Government has papered doe intend to further the said Revenue with a
Discount of 8 P^{ct} and give 1 P^{ct} if so the said Prop^{ty} will fall short of the
Compensation proposed by the Quantity by so much as the said Discount will
amount unto, which will be very considerable and which I have reason to
believe he does not expect this by intimating that such measures may be taken
as shall be thought fit to have the Revenue come to his said Prop^{ty} without
such an unexpected defaultation — I am yours &c most humble ser

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Charles Osgood