

Good to Consent and Recommend to you to pass a Law for the Continuance
of the Act Entituled an Act ascertaining the gauge and tare of
Tobacco &c to Comence and remain in force for three years to
Come from the Expiration of the said Act wheroby the before said
Duties arise and we cannot think you need to be put in mind to
Continue the Act for regulating of Ordinaries for the Reasons among
many others recited in the Preamble thereof —

We are much Concerned Gentlemen that you our Friends & Tenants
his Majesty's good Subjects can have no Expectation of Benefit from the
Duty of one penny p pound laid on Tobacco transported from plantation
to plantation his late Majesty King William of glorious Memory having
by Letters patents under the great Seal of England Sold the same for ever
on the College of Virginia but do not Doubt with your Assistance by our
own power to Establish such a Fund for Encouragement of Learning in
Maryland as not only to answer the very pious worthy design of
Supporting the Free School already built at Annapolis but to make it
so far more usefull that your own Children there made Capable
may reap the Advantage of Discharging the several Offices of
Government both in Church and State to the Conveiance of your Neighbors
and fellow Citizens from the Supposition of the Church of Rome and
to the manifest good of us all in the Equall Distribution of Justice —

The House adjourns till tomorrow morning
Eight of the Clock —

Friday Morning

April the 22. 1720 The House meets according to Adjournment —

Yesterday proceedings are read —

Colo Ward and Mr Bodley from the upper house Deliver Mr
Speake the following message wth his Excellency's Letter &c —

By the upper house of Assembly

Gentlemen

April the 22. 1720 —

We think our selves Obliged by Duty as well as it is our Inclination to
Act according to the best of our Judgments for the Service of our Country
and in a particular manner for the preservation of the prerogative
lodg'd in our Lord & Princes and tis Representative and tho your Construction
of the Act Concerning the three pence p ton Seems in favour of that
part which belongs to us to espouse so far as is Agreeable to right yet
the Convictions of our reason are too Strong in this point to Disengage
us from taking up the contrary Argument —

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