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An Engrosed Bill providing what shall be good evidence to prove foreign  
and other debts and to prevent vexatious and unnecessary Sutes at Law  
and pleading discounts in bars brought down in the Morning by Mr. Harris  
from the Committee of Laws was this 31<sup>st</sup> Day of May 1715.  
Read and assented to by the House of Delegates.

Signed for the Hon. Macnamara Clerk of  
The same is sent up to the Honble Council by Major Phillips & Mr. Stone  
They Returne and say they desired the Bill.  
The House adjourns till to morrow Morning seven a clock

Wednesday Morning 1<sup>st</sup> June 1715.

The House met according to adjournment so first as on Yesterday.  
Then was read the proceedings of this house on Yesterday.  
Mr. Solomon Clayton a member for Queen Anne's County being indisposed  
is excused from his further attendance this session.

On a motion made the Question is put whether a proposal ought to  
be made to my Lord Baltimore for a further advance on every lb.  
of Tobacco being of the gage of thirty two inches in the Diameter of the head  
within of Croft, not exceeding thirty seven inches in the bulge and forty  
eight inches in the length of the Stave, over and above twelve pence per  
formerly an impost to the Lord Baltimore due in consideration of his  
accepting of his Rents and Fines for alienation in Tobacco at two pence  
sterling per pound, during his natural life as his Noble Father was wont  
and is Resolved in the Affirmative by Majority of votes.

Then the Question is put how much that further advance shall  
be and Resolved that it be six pence which in all will make an  
imposition of eighteen pence per lb. to the Lord Proprietor the lb. being of  
the said gage of thirty two inches in the head within the Croft, not exceeding  
thirty seven 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. Richard Telegrapher from the Honble Council acquaints Mr.  
Speaker that the Honble Council had agreed and assented to 3<sup>rd</sup> three  
following Engrosed bills on the 31<sup>st</sup> day of May 1715.

An Engrosed bill for the speedy Recovery of small Debts out of Court  
before a single Justice of the peace.

An Engrosed bill for the direction of Sheriffs in their offices and  
restraining their ill practices in this Province.

An Engrosed bill providing what shall be good evidence to prove  
foreign and other debts and to prevent vexatious and unnecessary  
sutes at Law and pleading discounts in bars.