

By the Upper house of Assembly July 23rd 1716.

We have debated the latter part of your Message concerning the enacting the laws in his Lordships stile and we agree to your first reason, that you are not sensible of any material additions to be made to them, and also to your second, that the enacting those Laws for the sake of a style would look like questioning the Authority by which they were made, which cannot be doubted off. Likewise we agree with you third reason that the enacting of them would be a great charge to the publick, and having also debated your fourth reason we do not apprehend that the continuing the laws in the style they now are can be any derogation to his Lordships Honour or right of Government or prejudicial to any person, provided that an Act be now made to transferr all the fines and forfeitures, (given by the present acts of Assembly to his Majesty his heirs and Successors) to the Right Honourable The Lords Prop^{rs} of his heirs and Successors for the uses in the said Laws mentioned.

Signed for order W^m Bladen Ch^l U^p Ho.

The House concurs therewith and orders that the Committee of Laws prepare and bring in such a Bill as by the saids Message is Directed.

Mast Bradfords a Member for Prince Georges County appeared this day in the house

Col^l W^m Holland from the Upper house delivers W^m Speaker the following Message (viz^t)

By the U^p House of Assembly July 23rd 1716.

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His Excellency the Governour has been pleased to direct John Rowdy Esq^r who was his Majestys Receiver of the District of Patuxent to lay before your House the State of the Revenue of 3rd p^{ts} of the appropriated for purchasing Arms and Ammunition for the defence of that Province.

Signed for order W^m Bladen Ch^l U^p Ho.

On a Motion Made that whereas a Land Records Book distinguished by the name of Lib. L. No. 1656 and 1657 was burnt when the State house was burnt in the year 1704 out of which book there is a short extract extant, It is ordered that Tho^s Macnerran the Clerk of this house treat and make a reasonable agreement about a copy of the extract of the said book and procure the same at the next Sessions at which time the Agreement to be made by the Clerk shall be performed, and the Clerks trouble and charge considered.

Col^l Thomas Addison from the Upper house delivers W^m Speaker W^m Philemon Hensleys Petition thus endorsed (viz^t)

By his Excellency the Governour and U^p House of Assembly July 21st 1716.

This Petition being thought reasonable is recommended to the Lower house to Consider the petitioners Case who adventured his vessel, abroad to Import Rum and Sugar. Signed for order W^m Bladen Ch^l U^p Ho.