

Laying an additional duty of 4th p^{ce} on Negroes and Irish Servants thus
Endorsed. (vizt.)

By the Upper House of Assembly July 25th 1716.

This Bill read in this House the first time and will pass with these
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 Vessels wholly owned by the Inhabitants of this
Province.

Signed for order. W. Bladen Clerk of the Ho.

Whereupon the following endorsement was ordered to be made vizt.

By the Lower House of Assembly July 25th 1716

May it please your Honours,

Your endorsement on this bill being considered we
are of opinion that sufficient encouragement is already given by former
laws to the Country owners of Vessels and therefore hold it needless further
to encourage them lest we should be censured by Foreigners as partiality
and also give an opportunity to some by bringing Negroes and Irish Servants
from Neighbouring Colonies to elude the said act therefore we cannot
agree to the exemption proposed -

Signed for order Tho. Maeremara Clerk of the Ho.

Sent to the Upper House by Maj^r Harris, Capt. Good & Mr. Tyler,

who return and say they delivered the bill.

Col Courser Col Small Col (Young) John Hall Esq. Col Whittington
and Col Smith deliver Mr. Speaker the following Message (vizt.)

By the Upper House of Assembly July 28. 1716.

Gent^{ly}

On due Consideration of your Message by Col. Hastings & and fourteen
more of the Members of your House, We acquaint you that we do approve
of your proposals therein and unanimously concur therewith.

Signed for order W. Bladen Clerk of the Ho.

It is therefore ordered that the Com^{rs} of Laws do prepare and bring
in a bill accordingly.

Col Small also deliver Mr. Speaker the follow^g Letter from Mr. Lawd
to his Ex^{cy} and the Message there under.

Annapolis July 25th 1716.

May it please your Ex^{cy}

I hope it will not look improper to inform
your Ex^{cy} that I understand the officers who whose hands the money
to be pay^d the Lord Prop^r in compensation of his rents for support of
Government has pay^d doe intend to burden the said Revenue with a
discount of 8 p^{ct} and five p^{ct} if so the Lord Prop^r will fall short of
the compensation proposed by the Country by so much as the said
discounts will amount unto, which will be very considerable and which