

On a motion made the question was putt whether Mr. Ponsby Esq
a Naval officer of Portusent River who received the duty of 20^s pth on
Negroes Imported by Capt. Tappington in Current Money before the
Law that Requires that duty to be paid in Sterling was notified shall be
obliged to account for & pay the same in Sterling to the public.

Resolved in the Negative.

Col. Mittington and Philemon Lloyd Esq from the upper house
delivered Mr. Speaker the following Message (vizt)

By the Upper house of Assembly Aug^r 3. 1716.

Upon reading your Message by Maj^r Willson and Capt. Hixby his
Ex^{ty} the Governour has been pleased to declare that tho' his Letters
from the Lord Prop^r and his Guardian direct him not to alter any
thing in the substance but that he may vary in the style of the Law
now to be pass'd for the application of the 18th pth. yet he thinks that what
the Lower house has proposed is so reasonable that he shall agree thereto
on his Lordships behalf provided this assembly will pass a vote that
in case he should be obliged by law to make good his Lordship the spent
on the collection of that duty this Province shall reimburse him the money
For that as his Ex^{ty} is no gain'd by this matter, it is very unreasonable
he should be a loosed thereby.

Signed for order W. Bladen Ch^r Up^r Ho.

The Consideration whereof is refer'd till to morrow.

Col. Tilghman from the Upper house delivered Mr. Speaker the following
(vizt) - A Bill for Making good a Sale of Land from Joseph Bridges
decd to Thomas Jones decd thus endorsed.

By the Upper house of Assembly Aug^r 3^o 1716.

This Bill being read again in this house we being satisfied of the justice
are willing the same should pass.

Signed for order W. Bladen Ch^r Up^r Ho.

Read the third time in the Lower house and pass'd for engraving
and ordered to be so indors'd.

Col. Smith from the upper house delivered Mr. Speaker the petition
of John Broom high Sher^{iff} of Calvert County praying leave to bring
in a small bill for Continuing him in his office till June next
thus indors'd (vizt)

By the Upper House of Assembly Aug^r 3^o 1716.

This petition being thought reasonable is Recommended to the
Lower House to admitt a short Bill for his relief and make pro-
vision for the Continuing Sheriffs who come in their offices under
his circumstances that they may complete their three years collections

Signed for order W. Bladen Ch^r Up^r Ho.

Which was ordered to be read again and considered in the afternoon.

The House adjourn'd till one a clock in the afternoon.