

Mr Boardley from the Committee of Laws delivers Mr Speaker.

A Bill ascertaining the Gauge and Tare of Tobacco, Hogsheads and to prevent Cropping, Cutting and defacing Tobacco-taken on board ships or vessels upon Freight and for laying impositions on Tobacco for the Support of Government and for the Encouraging Settlements in this Province and for taking the 3^d p^{ts} of the Tobacco formerly raised for the publick Charge, which was read the first and second time by Especial order and will pass, and ordered to be so read &c.

Sent to the Upper House by Mr Stoddert, Major Milson, Mr Lloyd, Capt. Codd, Mr Hall, Capt. Kendall and Mr Charles Wright.

They return and say they delivered it, and the following resolve passed by the Committee of Laws and brought down by Mr Boardley was approved of & entered. (viz)

Resolved that Tobacco being so greatly burthened with the present duties, be not burthened with the payment of the 3^d p^{ts} given to the Governour for the time being, at any time after the expiration of the present law that is now in force it gives the same, the provision made for such Governour by the act past this Assembly for the ascertaining the Gauge and Tare of Tobacco being adjudged an equivalent provision to any that has been heretofore reasonably made.

Philemon Loyd Esq. from the Upper house delivers Mr Speaker the petition of Rich. Evans Constable of the City of Annapolis praying an allowance may be given for serving of warrants on sundry persons within the said City and several days attendance thereon thus endorsed (viz)

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

The within petitioner having executed several warrants, summoned many Evidences and attended several days on the Magistrates who made inquiry into the said Disturbances by drinking the pretender's health, and firing the Great Gun in this City.

Was recommended him to the Lower House to direct the Committee of accounts to make him a suitable Reward for such his services, there being no certain fees allowed him by law therefore.

Signed for order Mr Bladen Clerk of the Ho^u.

It is therefore ordered that the Com^o of accounts allow the Pet^r 200th of Tobacco.

In answer to a Message brought down (viz) yesterday from the Upper house by Col^l Hollands & Col^l Bousey about fines for ordinary licences the following Message was prepared and ordered to be entered thus (viz)

By the Lower house of Assembly Aug^o the 3^o 1716.

May it please y^r Hon^o.

In answer to your Message of Yesterday by the Hon^{ble} Col^l Hollands