

For the defence of this Province which shall and is hereby Intended to be received by the severall & severall Officers of the Respective Ports where the same shall arise for which receiving they shall be allowed $1\frac{1}{2}$ the rate of 8% Cent. and be and are hereby obliged to account therefor unto the publick Treasurers of this Province who shall render an account thereof, to the General Assembly when thereto required and which Treasurers for receiving accounting for and paying the said duty as maybe directed according to the intention of this Act, shall have and receive, the usuall Salary of 5% Cent as is allowed them upon other Imposts to the Countreys use and no more.

W^{rs} recommend a clause to oblige the Clerk of the Provincial Court and the County Clerks yearly to return to the said Pro^{rs} present an account of all alienations in their severall Countreys &e offices under a penalty.

W^{rs} further communicate to your House part of a Letter from the Right Hon^{ble} the Lord Guilford, and the Lord Pro^{rs} dated in April last (vizt) you must likewise take especial care that a clause be putt into the new Intended Law obliging our severall tenants to pay their Tob^o Rents and alienation fines in that County they hold their lands in and that our said Tob^o Rents have the preference to all other debts and be upon Execution.

W^{rs} find severall people here allarmed at the Clause in the late Law about our Revenue relating to the Security, the severall Masters as to find a^d Cropping or other wise damaging the Tob^o in their voyage homewards, and they say it will be impossible for severall of the said Masters to find the Security, you will be pleased to talk with Mr. Bordley and Mr. Canoll on this head and make it as unexceptionable as maybe. In the said Law where the Masters of vessels are obliged to satisfy the duties and Impositions before the departure of his or their vessels there is nothing which give them power to collect from the severall shippers or Owners of the Tob^o their proportion which some here likewise think ought to be in the new Intended Law.

W^{rs} also send you Mr. Canolls remaques on the said bill.

Signed for us W^{rs} Bladen Ch^o Upr^o Ho.

Together with Mr. Canolls remarks mentioned in the said proposed amendment ^{as follows} (vizt)

Tuesday Morning Aug^o 7th 1716.

May it please your Hon^o

I know his Lordship expects that the 15^o mentioned par^{ts} the 14^o shall be made payable to himself or that person he shall appoint to receive the same and agrees that 3^o thereof shall by a clause be applied for furnishing armes and ammunition &c.

The words by him appointed page 15 intended were better ~~expressed~~ thereby more Respect shewd his Lordship.