

By the Upper house of Assembly Aug. 7th 1716.

Gent,

We have considered this Bill and the Report of the Com^{rs} to view the several offices in what Condition they are to secure the Records. We agree to the Report of the Committee here with dissent you but must still insist that the Security required of the Secretary should be but 1000^l Sterk for the Provincial, Chancery and Land Records, being of opinion that, that sum of Money will be sufficient to answer any damage may be done by that officer, before the same is discovered.

Signed for order W. Bladen Clk. Up. Ho. -

The House concurs therewith, Together with the Report of the said Committee with the following Indorsement (vizt.)

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This House doe concur with the Request that the Statute House be repaired and the offices fixed as the Gentlemen of the Committee have thought necessary.

Signed for order W. Bladen Clk. Up. Ho.

And the said Bill was read the 3^d time and past for Enrolling.

The House adjourns till one a clock in the afternoon.

Then the house being called over members were present as in the morning.

Then the House proceeded to Consider of the amendm^{ts} proposed by the Upper house to the bill ascertaining the Gauge & Tare of Tob. hogsheads, Whereupon the following Message was prepared and Ordered to be entered as foll^o. (vizt.)

By the Lower House of Assembly Aug. 7th 1716.

May it please your Hon^{rs}

The amendm^{ts} proposed by the up^r house to the Bill ascertaining the Gauge & Tare of Tob. Hogsheads &c of the 6th Instant have been read and Considered and this House agrees to the 6th first proposed amendments and also approves of the last Clause you proposed in the said Intended Bill to distribute the several branches of the Taxes intended to be raised any more than their separate proportions have that in regard the Treasurers Trouble in receiving paying and accounting for the Publicks use, It is the opinion of this House that two and a half p^{ts} Cent is a sufficient Gallant for him out of the said 3^d.

This house agrees that the said Provincial (tho' the several County Clerks for the future shall once yearly (vizt.) the Clk. of the Provincial under the penalty of 10^l Current money) and the County Clerks under the penalty of 5^l Current money) make out and account of all alienations ready to be delivered the agent of the Lords Proprietary when called for at the respective offices, As to the part of the R^t Hon^{ble} the Lord Guilford and the Lord Prop^r's letter you were pleased to Communicate to us, 7/16/16