

hope that the advancing the additional 6. p. to my Lord Prop<sup>r</sup> in fee of his land rents and fines for alienations removes the necessity of inserting in the intended act the Clause in the first paragraph of the part of the Lords' letter that was laid before us recommended, no Tobacco debts arising to the Lords Prop<sup>r</sup> for the future on account of the rents or alienations.

And as to the second paragraph of the said part, this house hopes your Hon<sup>r</sup> being weary of the many abuses committed by M<sup>rs</sup> of Ships or Vessels that take in Tobacco, on Freight will concur that limiting the time for returning proove of such abuses from Great Brittain being formerly 7 years to 2 years will be sufficient to satisfy those persons that are alarmed at that part of the said Law and if that will be an Encouragement to persons to be bound for those who have or shall not give room to be suspected of such abuses as by the said Law is designed to be prevented, and as to the last paragraph intimating there is nothing in the Law for raising the several Impositions on Tobacco giving power to the Masters of Vessels and Ships who before Departure are obliged to pay the said duties to Collect & receive the same from the Ship's Crew & Owners.

This House is of opinion that the Consignee or Consignees of such Tobacco by the Bills of Lading usually given to pay the same to the Master on taking up the Tobacco in Great Brittain and has been charged by subconsignees these many years past as an article of expense in the Sale of such Tobacco and always allowed off and paid by the Consignee without any Clause in the Law, the Master may retain the shipped Tobacco till the duty be payed him.

Signed for order Tho: Maccormack Ch. Secy.

Which Message was sent to the Upper house with the said Bill by Mr. Robbins, Mr. Pollard, Mr. Alexander Warfield and Mr. Brannoek. They return and say they delivered it.

In answer to the Report, from the Committee appointed to view the several offices, & the Upper Houses Endorsed.

The following Message was prepared (vizt.)

By the Lower house of Assembly Aug<sup>r</sup> 7<sup>th</sup> 1716.

May it please yr. Hon<sup>r</sup>

The report of the Committee appointed by both houses to view and inspect in what Condition the several offices in the Stadt house are in, for the safe keeping the several Records belonging to the same & your Endorsent thereon of this day is approved of, and there is an Order entered on the Journall of this house empowering the Com<sup>tee</sup> appointed for seeing the Records repaired, to order the several offices to be fitted up and the several repairs made as the said Report mentions.

Signed for order Tho: Maccormack Ch. Secy.