

Whatsoever so as such Negotiation or Management shall not in any wise relate to the Administration of the Government of this Province, and having put the Question to that House whether there is anything contained in that Act if it can be deemed or construed to extend that it hath Authority or Power granted Between Man and Man in their private Transactions is affected thereby

It is by this House Answered that, that Act has no Relation to any Authority or Power granted Between Man and Man in their private Transactions.

We having offered you this our Opinion Desire your Opinion of your House likewise hereon.

Signed for the Upper House

Cos. Stinson appeared in your House.

Cos. Smith from the Upper House Delivered Mr. Speaker the following Message, on a Report made to that House by Cos. Young, Capt. Greenfield and Mr. Lloyd's pursuant to an Order of the Upper House of Assembly dated the third of June 1717.

Mr. James Lloyd and Capt. Thomas Newman Greenfield are appointed by the Lower House of Assembly to join with your Honourable Samuel Young Esquire appointed by the Upper House to inspect into the Laws of Maryland for a Law made in the Year 1681 for the Punishment of such as should presume to Counterfeit his Lordships Great Seal of this Province.

We do Report that we have examined all the Laws we can find in the Secretarys Office made in the time of Lord Baltimores Government and do not find any Law made in that year to that nor any other one Law made at a Session of Assembly in the year 1640 and one other made in the year 1649. The Laws we lay before you here and show you your perusal if one Recorded in Mr. H. Folio 8 and if other in a parchment Covered Book Folio 147.

By the Upper House of Assembly - June the 4th 1717.

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On Reading the within Report tis the Opinion of this House that there ought to be Law to punish the Counterfiter of his Lordships Greater Seal for my Seal, or Sign Manuell or any other of the publick Seals of this Province and leave it to your Consideration in what Manner to bring in the Bill -

Signed for the Upper House

Ordered the Committee of Laws prepare a Bill accordingly - Mr. Bordley from the Committee of Laws delivers Mr. Speaker a Bill ascertaining the Guage and Seal of Tobacco which was read the first time and ordered a second Reading