

Was sent to the Upper House by Mr. Rowley, Capt. Hilday, Mr. Blaney and Mr. Bradford with the following Message (brief) -

By the Lower House of Assembly June 4th 1717.
 (May it please your Honor)

We have considered your Honour's message of yesterday by Philemon Lloyds Esq. with the Method proposed as a Regulation of the Law relating to his Lordships Revenue and by that it seems their Lordships understand the giving up the Quiet Rents and Alienation fines as an inducement to the raising the whole duty of three Shillings and three pence per lb. which never was the sense of the Country but that the 15th part thereof was purely raised for support of government. Without any other Consideration.

We find by the Law made in 1670 the only Consideration for the raising the two Shillings per lb. was of supporting Government. So necessary to all Communities and y^e application in Lieu of the Rents is only made by way of proviso in y^e Law and nothing appears in any the later Acts y^e can be reasonably understood to raise the two Shillings merely in Consideration of the easy payment of the Rents and fines and if it should be now suggested by the Act as proposed y^e easy payment of the Rents &c. is our only inducement to raise that sum. It might be fairly suggested we were unjust Stewards to the Country in raising so much in Lieu of the Rents beyond their value and the people unworthy to reap y^e benefits of Government by nothing for its support and since we are apprehensive the proposed Rent is might of such Construction we cannot consent of the Alienation any other way than as it now stands and pray your Honor's assent thereto.

Signed for order Mich. Jenifer Ch. Low. House.

They return and say they deliver their Bill & Message.

On Reading the petition of George Walls of Charles City a languishing Prisoner referred from the Upper House on the 5th Instant, leave is given to bring in a Bill as prayed.

Mr. Harris from the Comtee of Laws delivers Mr. Speaker the following Enrolled Bill (brief) -

1st Bill for the punishment as shall counterfeit his Lordships Seal &c.
 Another for building a Court House for Cecil County.
 Another for laying an additional duty of twenty Shillings Curr. Money per poll on Dutch Papists and Negroes &c.
 Another a Supplementary Bill to the Act relating to Servants and Slaves.

Which said four Proceeding Bills were read in this house and ordered to be severally thus read &c. to viz.

June the 4th 1717. Read and assented to by y^e Lower House of Assembly - and Signed for order Mich. Jenifer Ch. Low. House.