

and Recommend to you to pass a law for the continuance of the Act  
intituled an act ascertaining the Gauge and Tax of Tobacco &c. &c.  
to Comence and remaine in force for three years to come from the  
expiration of the said act, which by the aforesaid Duties arise and  
we cannot think you needs to be put in mind to continue the act  
for regulating of Ordinaries for the reasons among many others  
recited in the preamble thereof.

We are much concerned Gentlemen that you our Friends  
and Tenants his Majestys good Subjects can have no expectation  
of benefit from the duty of one penny p pound laid on Tobacco &c  
transported from plantation to plantation his late Majesty King  
William of Glorious Memory having by letters patents under the  
great Seal of England settled the Game forever on the College of Virginia  
but do not doubt with your assistance by our own power to establish  
such a fund for encouragement of learning in Maryland as not  
only to answer the very pious worthy design of supporting the Free  
School already built at Annapolis but to make it so effectually  
useful that your own Children there made Capable may reap  
the advantage of discharging the severall offices of Government,  
both in Church and State to the Conveccion of your Neighbours  
and fellow Citizens from the Superstition of the Church of Rome  
and to the Manifest goods of us all in the equal distribution  
of Justice.

The House adjourns till to Morrow Morning  
Eight of the Clock &c.

Friday Morning April the 22<sup>th</sup> 1720.

The House meets according to adjournment.

Yesterday Proceedings are read.

Col<sup>o</sup>. Wards and Mr. Bordley from the Upper House delivers  
Mr. Speaker, the following Message, with his Excellency's  
Letter viz<sup>t</sup>.

By the Upper House of Assembly April the 22<sup>th</sup> 1720.

Gentlemen, We think ourselves obliged by Duty as  
well as it is our Inclination to act according to the best of our  
Judgment for the Service of our Country and in a particular  
manner for the prerogative lodged in our Lord Prop<sup>r</sup> and his  
Representative and tho' your Construction of the act concerning  
the three pence p ton seems in favour of that part which belongs to  
us to suppose so far as is agreeable to right yet the Convictions of our  
Reason are too strong in this point to Disengage us from taking  
up the contrary Argument.

The act makes three pence p ton payable to the Governour.