

Gentlemen of the Lower House of Assembly,

As I find by the Journal of Accounts, and some of your Messages to the Upper House of Assembly, that there is a Proposal to make use of all the Money raised for the Publick Charges of the Province, for your own and other Allowances therein mention'd, without taking Care to secure to the Fund for supplying the Country with Arms and Ammunition, the Three Pence per Hoghead last raised, that was intended solely for that Purpose; I think my self oblig'd to acquaint you, that tho' no Body is to receive more Benefit by that Distribution than my self, I must prefer the General Interest of the Publick, before my own private Advantage. Therefore must recommend it to you, to supply the Deficiencies of that Fund in the first Place; there being no other Publick Charge whatsoever more necessary.

Philip Lee, Esq; from the Upper House, delivers Mr. Speaker the Bill, intitled, *An Act ascertaining the Gauge and Tare of Tobacco-Hogheads, &c.* And the following Message: *By the Upper House of Assembly, 22 April, 1735.*

Gentlemen,
On reading and considering your Message of Yesterday, by Messieurs Hooper, and Smith, relating to the Bill for ascertaining the Gauge and Tare of Tobacco-Hogheads, We observe, that the Reason you give, for not inserting the Paragraph, propos'd by our House, obliging the Masters of Ships, and other Sea Vessels, not to take on Board, any Hoghead, or Hogheads, of Tobacco, exceeding the Gauge in the said Bill mention'd, is, because you presume, That many Hogheads already made, pack'd, and priz'd, do exceed that Gauge: Whereunto we answer, That the Time given, 'til the 29th of September next, is long enough for any such Tobacco to be ship'd off: And therefore we cannot think the Reason aforesaid, sufficient to hinder the adding that Paragraph to the Bill; especially considering, that a Fine impos'd on the Masters for taking on Board any Hogheads above the Gauge, will certainly be the most effectual Means to hinder any Person from exceeding it; Wherefore we must still insist upon that Addition to the Bill. And we must further observe to you, that the same Reason insisted by your House, is much stronger against that Part of the Bill relating to the Inhabitants of this Province, who are made subject to Fines and Penalties immediately from the Breaking up of this Session of Assembly. We therefore propose, That the Bill, in that Part, may be altered, and made not to be in Force 'til the Twenty Ninth of September, aforesaid.

Sign'd per Order, John Ross, Cl' Up. Ho.
Michael Howard, Esq, from the Upper House, delivers Mr. Speaker a bill, intitled, *An Act for Limitation of the Time of Shipping Tobacco, indors'd;* Read by the Upper House the second Time, and will pass: Which Bill was read here the first and second Time, and the Word *July*, altered to that of *August*, will pass. Sent to the Upper House by Mr. Key and Mr. Denton.

The Question was put, That the Three Pence per Hoghead, raised between the 29th Day of September 1732. and 29th of September 1733, be applied to the Purchase of Arms and Ammunition? Resolv'd in the Negative.

For the Affirmative.

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| Mr. Key, | Col. King, | Mr. Tench Francis, | Mr. Hamilton, |
| Mr. Dulany, | Mr. Stoughton, | Col. Hooper, | Capt. Gordon, |
| Col. Hanfow, | Major Desbiel, | Mr. George, | Mr. Richard Francis |
| Col. Gale, | Mr. Goldsborough, | Col. Ward, | Capt. Elliot. |

For the Negative.

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| Mr. Jordan, | Mr. Mackall, | Mr. Needles, | Mr. Matthews, |
| Mr. Wilson, | Mr. Smith, | Mr. Trippe, | Mr. Magruder, |
| Mr. Hall, | Major Skinner, | Mr. Woolford, | Mr. S'rigg, |
| Mr. Hamilton, | Mr. Courts, | Mr. Brown, | Col. Belt, |
| Mr. Denton, | Mr. Middleton, | M. Johnson, | Mr. Stoddart, |
| Mr. Warfield, | Mr. Hawkins, | Mr. Sheredine, | Mr. Wright. |
| Col. Mackall, | Mr. Edmondson, | Mr. Moale, | |

Benjamin Tasker, Esq; from the Upper House, delivers Mr. Speaker the following Message: *By the Upper House of Assembly, 22 April, 1735.*

Gentlemen,
It may be remembered, by many of the Members of your House, that for some Years past, his Lordship's Council of State for this Province, have not had any Allowance for their Attendance in Council, as formerly they had, altho' their Claim thereto has been frequently by them insisted on, but thro' Mistake and Prejudice hitherto unjustly denied.

But forasmuch as we conceive such Allowance to be justly due to Us as a Council of State, and that we are in Hopes those Parry Prejudices and passionate Heats, which first occasioned the Refusal of that Allowance, are not now subsisting in your House; We think it reasonable again to renew our Claim thereto, being perswaded that upon a mature and impartial Consideration of that Affair, you cannot but conclude with us, that it is justly due; especially considering, that even those who first refused to make the usual Allowances to the Council, did never deny that they ought to be paid, but pretended to excuse themselves from making such Allowances, by alledging that it ought to be paid some other Way, which they could never point out to us; by which Means, besides the Fatigge to our Persons, and the Service we hope we have done in our Stations, we have been oblig'd to bear our own Expences, at all Times, when we attend in Council: which we doubt not but your House will think unreasonable; and consent to make us the same Allowances formerly made, either in the present Journal of Accounts, or at the Laying the next Levy.

Sign'd per Order, John Ross, Cl' Up. Ho.
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