

Masters of Ships, made *Anno* 1661, and the Uses to which the same kind of Duty is applied in all other his Majesty's *American* Dominions where paid, which Act your Committee suppose gave Rise to the said Demand, and which, with great Submission, we humbly apprehend to be Repealed by an Act made at a Session of Assembly held at the Port of *Annapolis* the 5th Day of *September*, in the Third Year of the Reign of *Queen Anne*, of glorious and pious Memory, *Anno Domini* 1704, entituled, *An Act Repealing all former Acts of Assembly heretofore made, saving what are hereby excepted.*

Your Committee most humbly conceive, that his Lordship's Levying the said Tax or Imposition on the Trade of this Province, under pretext and colour of the said Law, and applying the same to his own Use, is an oppressive Burthen and Aggrievance to his Majesty's Subjects, but humbly submit it to the Consideration of your honourable House.

Signed per Order of the Committee, *S. Bordley*, Clerk.

On Reading this Report the Consideration referred until Wednesday Morning.

*The House Adjourn'd to 2 of the Clock in the Afternoon.*

*Post Meridiem.*

The House Met according to Adjournment.

*Mr. Matthews*, from the Committee of Aggrievances, &c. delivers the following Report :

*By the Committee of Aggrievances and Courts of Justice*, May 21. 1739.

IN Pursuance, as well of an Order of your House of the 15th Instant given to your said Committee, directing them to Inspect the Laws by which the Officers Receive the several Duties on Tobacco in this Province, and to make Report thereof, as of an Order, Instruction and Power given by your House to your said Committee, to send for Books, Persons, Papers and Records, your said Committee beg leave to acquaint your House,

That they did on the 15th Instant in the Forenoon, by Letters signed by their Clerk, by Order of your said Committee, give Notice unto the several Naval Officers of this Province, being *James Hollyday*, Esq; *George Plater*, Esq; *Benjamin Tasker*, Esq; *Philip Lee*, Esq; and *Col. Levin Gale*, to attend your said Committee at Three of the Clock in the Afternoon of the same Day, in order to inform them by what Laws of this Province they Receive the several Duties now taken on Tobacco: Instead of whole Attendance in pursuance of the said Notice, your said Committee in the aforesaid Afternoon, received a Writing informing them, that the said Naval Officers had severally received Letters from the Clerk of your said Committee, dated on the aforesaid 15th Instant, desiring them