

to attend at three of the Clock the said Afternoon: And that they had laid the said Letters before the Upper House of Assembly, who were of Opinion, that it was not consistent with the Dignity of their House, to suffer their Members to attend the Lower House of Assembly, much less any Committee of it; But that there might not be the least Pretence, of any Hindrance given to the Publick Business, they thought it proper to acquaint your said Committee, That they Collect *Twelve Pence Sterling per Hoghead*, by virtue of an Act of Assembly, entituled, *An Act for Settlement of an annual Revenue upon her Majesty's Governor within this Province for the Time being*, made in *September 1704*: That they Collect *Three Pence Sterling per Hoghead*, by virtue of an Act for raising a Duty of *Three Pence per Hoghead* on all Tobacco Exported out of this Province for the Uses therein mentioned, made in *July 1732*: That they Collect *Fifteen Pence per Hoghead* by virtue of an Act for Emitting and making Current *Ninety Thousand Pounds Current Money of Maryland* in Bills of Credit, made in *March 1732*: That they also Collect *Three Pence per Hoghead* by virtue of an Act of Assembly, entituled, *An Act for raising Three Pence per Hoghead on all Tobacco Exported for Purchasing Arms and Ammunition for the Defence of this Province*, made in *March 1734*. And which said Paper, so as aforesaid delivered to your said Committee, was Signed by the said Officers respectively, *viz. Benj. Tasker, Naval Officer Annapolis; Philip Lee, Naval Officer North Potowmack; Geo. Plater, Naval Officer Patuxent; Levin Gale, Naval Officer Pocomoke; Ja. Hollyday, Naval Officer Oxford*; as by the said Writing herewith returned to your House, relation being thereunto had, may appear.

Your said Committee humbly beg leave to acquaint your House, That they find, that at a Session of Assembly, held at the Port of *Annapolis*, the *11th day of July 1732*, an Act did Pass, entituled, *An Act for raising a Duty of Three Pence per Hoghead on all Tobacco Exported out of this Province for the Uses therein mentioned*, which Act was to continue until the *29th day of September 1733*, and which said Act we find continued, by an Act made at a Session of Assembly, held at the Place aforesaid the *20th day of April 1736*, until the *29th day of September 1739*.

Your Committee also find, that *Fifteen Pence per Hoghead* is Imposed on every Hoghead of Tobacco to be Exported from and after the *29th day of September* then next ensuing, as may appear by an Act of Assembly made at a Session of Assembly held at the Port of *Annapolis* aforesaid, the *13th day of March 1732*, entituled, *An Act for Emitting and making Current Ninety Thousand Pounds Current Money of Maryland, in Bills of Credit*.