

with your Negative thereon, we wonder you should now charge us with the Omission of a Bill so useful in itself and so much desired by the People, when the real Cause of it's not being carried into a Law proceeds from your Honours positive Refusal to pass it in your House; nor do we think the Revival of the other Law mentioned in your Message to be necessary.

What Influence your Honours Advice may have on his Excellency we cannot say, but conceive the Representatives of a Free People have a Right to consider of the Necessity of Taxes, and from thence alone Impose them, and not be Threatned into it, as we seem plainly to be by your Message of Yesterday by Col. Gale.

Upon Reading which, Question was put, Whether the same should be sent to the Upper House, or Not? *Resolved* in the Affirmative, and accordingly sent to the Upper House by Mr. Moale and Mr. Hall.

For the Affirmative,

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| Mr. Swann, | Mr. Smith, | Mr. Goldsborough, | Mr. Colvill, | Mr. Caswell, |
| —Wilson, | —Weems, | —Robert Lloyd, | —Ramsey, | —Edward Sprigg, |
| —Calder, | —Hall, | —Tripp, | —Pearce, | —Wootton, |
| —Carroll, | —Smallwood, | —Ennalls, | —Sheredine, | —Osborn Sprigg, |
| —Denton, | —King, | —Brannock, | —Moale, | —Pemberton. |
| —Gassaway, | —Stoughton, | —George, | —Matthews, | |

For the Negative,

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| Mr. Harris | Mr. Middleton, | Mr. Henry, | Mr. Dulany, | Mr. Gordon, |
| —Courts, | —Hanson, | —Gale, | | |

Several *Resolves* and *Orders* Read and Approved of, and Ordered to be Entred as *Resolves* and the *Orders* of this House, which is accordingly done, and follows in these Words:

This House having maturely considered the many Aggrievances and Oppressions the People of this Province labour under, reported to them by their Committee of Aggrievances, Do therefore, in Justice to themselves and their Posterity, and in Maintenance of their just Rights and Privileges, come to the following Resolutions:

Resolved, That the Levying and Collecting *Twelve Pence* Sterling per Hogshead of Tobacco exported out of this Province, by the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary, or his Officers for his Use, ever since the Year 1733, is not warranted by any Law of this Province.

Resolved, That the Levying and Collecting *Fourteen Pence* Sterling per Ton, on Shipping Trading into this Province, and not properly belonging thereto, is Arbitrary, and without Law to Support it.

Resolved, That the taking of Judgment Bonds for Fees before they become due, and refusing Peoples Business to be done in the Offices until such Bonds are given, and also the taking such Bonds, in Penalties within the Jurisdiction of the Provincial and County Courts, (where such Penalties being