

By the Conferees of the Lower House of Assembly, appointed to join the Honourable Col. Matthew Tilghman Ward, Benjamin Tasker and James Hollyday, Esqrs. Members of the Upper House, to inspect into the state of the Fund arising on the Duty of Three Pence per Hogshead appropriated for the Purchasing Arms and Ammunition.

Y Our Conferees of the Lower House having met the Honourable Members of the Upper House in the Conference Chamber several Times, and received such Vouchers from them as they produced relating to the subject Matter we were with them to Confer upon, after mature Consideration had thereon, proposed to join with the Honourable Members of the Upper House in a Report necessary to be made to both Houses, and to that End offered one (as your Conferees conceived most agreeable to the true state of the Case) to the Honourable *Benjamin Tasker* and *James Hollyday*, Esqrs. but they refusing to join with your Conferees in that Report so offered, we proceed to report the Matters given us in Charge as they now appear to us, and find them to be as follows,

That there has been raised in the whole Province by means of that Fund clear of all Deductions, from the Year 1717 to the Year 1739, the Sum of 6840*l.* 15*s.* 9*d.*

That upon Examination into the Accounts of *Samuel Young*, Esq; late Treasurer of the Western Shore, with respect to the above Fund from the Year 1717 to the Year 1735, we find the Sum of 4139*l.* 19*s.* 7*d.* 1*q.* to have been raised on the Western Shore, as by the Copies of those Accounts in the Book mark'd A, hereunto annex, reference being had thereto appears.

That out of the Money so raised on the Western Shore, there has been remitted into the Hands of Messieurs *John Hyde* and *Samuel Hyde*, Merchants in *London*, the Sum of 3158*l.* 2*s.* 10*d.* 1*q.* as per said *Young's* Accounts appears.

That from the Accounts Current, and from sundry Shop Notes now produced, which does not appear to us by the Treasurers Accounts nor any other way to have been heretofore produced to the Lower House of Assembly, there appears by the Account hereunto annex, mark'd B, the Sum of 2079*l.* 10*s.* 3*d.* to have been laid out in Arms and Ammunition, and other Necessaries for the use of and applied towards the Building the House now used as well for a Magazine as the Council Chamber, which House (as appears from the Journal of the Lower House in *May* 1718) was Built as a Magazine for Arms.

That for an Article of 49*l.* 3*s.* 10*d.* part of the Sum last mentioned, for Goods sent in the Year 1718, there was not any Shop Notes produced