

comply'd with, cannot be transmitted according to the Instructions and Intentions of the Houe. We are, with all due Respect,

Your Excellency's Most Obedient,

Humble Servants,

Jan. 12, 1742.

CHARLES CARROLL,

THOMAS WORTHINGTON,

HENRY HALL.

In Answer to which said Remonstrance, we received from his Excellency the following Letter.

Gentlemen,

Annapolis, January 14, 1742.

Having perused your Remonstrance, I think it proper to acquaint you, that I gave Directions to the several Naval Officers, at the Prorogation of the last Sessions of Assembly, to deliver to you forthwith an Account of the Authorities, under which they received the Twelve Pence per Hogshead, and Fourteen Pence per Ton, properly authenticated.

I should be glad you would let me know how far these Directions have been comply'd with, and wherein there has been a Failure; that, if it be necessary, I may give further Orders, for the Satisfaction of the House, agreeable to the Promise I made them at the breaking up of the Assembly.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your most Humble Servant,

THO. BLADEN.

To which said Letter, we wrote his Excellency the following Answer.

SIR,

January 15, 1742.

When we receive from the several Naval Officers (agreeable to the Address of the House of Delegates), Copies of the Orders, by which they receive the Sum of Fourteen Pence Sterling per Ton, on the Tonnage of all Shipping trading into this Province, not owned by the Inhabitants thereof; as also the Sum of Twelve Pence Sterling, for every Hogshead of Tobacco exported out of this Province, and the Amount of the same respectively, for Two Years last past, signifying under, or by what Laws they receive the said Duties, and such Copies and Accounts proved on their corporal Oaths respectively, before some Provincial Justice, and such Proofs, authenticated under the Great Seal of this Province, we shall (agreeable to the Trust reposed in us) receive and transmit the same.

We had the Honour to signify to your Excellency, that this the Request of the House had not been comply'd with, altho' Application had been made to the several Naval Officers; and we hope, we shall stand excused, in not entering into any farther Detail of the Subject, or Explanation of your Promise, which may serve to retard a Compliance with the Request made; or, by speaking Truth, give Offence. With all due Respect, we are,

SIR,

Your Most Obedient, Humble Servants,

THOMAS WORTHINGTON,

HENRY HALL,

CHARLES CARROLL.

Sometime after the foregoing Answer, we received from the several Naval Officers, Certificates attested, declaring, That by Virtue of an Act of

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