

of Assembly, passed *Anno Dom.* One Thousand Six Hundred and Sixty-one, Entituled, *An Act for Port-Duties, and Masters of Ships*; and an Order of his Majesty's in Council thereon, they received Fourteen Pence per Ton on all Vessels trading in and to this Province; except those built in, or owned by the Inhabitants thereof: As also, by Virtue of an Act of Assembly, passed *Anno Domini* Seventeen Hundred and Four, Entituled, *An Act for the Settlement of an annual Revenue upon her Majesty's Governor within this Province, for the Time being*, they received Twelve Pence Sterling for every Hoghead of Tobacco exported out of this Province: But no Accounts of the Amount of said Duties. Whereupon the following Letter was sent to his Excellency.

SIR,

A Application having heretofore been made to your Excellency, in Pursuance of an Address of the House of Delegates and your Excellency's Answer thereto, for Copies of the Orders by which the several Naval Officers receive Twelve Pence Sterling per Hoghead, on all Tobacco exported out of this Province; as also the Sum of Fourteen Pence per Ton, on the Tonnage of Shipping; with Accounts of the Amounts of the same respectively, for Two Years then last past.

Since the Fifteenth Day of January last, we have received from the Naval Officers, Papers said to be Copies of the Orders, by which they receive the said Twelve Pence and Fourteen Pence, but no Accounts of the Amounts of the same respectively, as prayed for.

That the Trust reposed in us by the House of Delegates may be discharged on our Parts, we repeat our Prayer that your Excellency will please to order, that Accounts of the Amounts of the said two Sums of Twelve Pence per Hoghead, and Fourteen Pence per Ton, respectively, for two Years then last past (as prayed for in the Address of the House of Delegates), duly proved and authenticated, be delivered to us, according to the Prayer of the said Address.

The Necessity of the Case, under the Delays heretofore given to the Prosecution of this Affair, we doubt not will plead our Excuse, for the fresh Trouble we are obliged to give your Excellency on this Occasion. We are
Your Excellency's Most Obedient Servants,

March 9,
1744.

PHILIP HAMMOND,
CHARLES CARROLL,
HENRY HALL,
THOMAS WORTHINGTON,
OSBORN SPRIGG.

To which said Letter, we received the following Answer.

Gentlemen,

*U*Pon the breaking up of the last Assembly, I gave Directions to the Naval Officers, to transmit to you the Authorities, by which they received the Twelve Pence per Hoghead, and Fourteen Pence per Ton, properly authenticated; and upon your Remonstrance of the 12th of January, that those Directions had not been complied with, I sent fresh Orders for that Purpose.

As for transmitting an Account of the Amount of those Duties, the Reasons given in my Answer, to the Address of your
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