

made in a Bill last Session sent to the Upper House, entituled, *An Act for Limitation of Officer's Fees.*

Mr. Speaker communicates to the House the following Message from his Excellency the Governor:

Gentlemen of the Lower House of Assembly,

WERE I to judge of your Address by the Reasoning, Language and Stile of it, I should put no other Construction upon it, but that you were at a loss how to defeat the Service you are met upon, and that you were resolv'd to treat me with the utmost Indecency and ill Manners, meerly to furnish your selves with a Pretence, that you were diverted from the method of proceeding that would have rendered your Services most useful and agreeable to his Majesty. But as you say you are determin'd not to be so diverted, let your Proceedings give Evidence of the Sincerity of your Words, and I shall rejoice at it, and shall willingly lose the Remembrance of your extraordinary Behaviour towards myself, in the Pleasure I shall receive, when I shall see your Actions correspond with the Professions you make of Duty to his Majesty and Affection for his Service: This is the great Point you are met upon, and I must say, you have already let so much Time go by, that you have no more to lose, if you really mean to act like good Subjects, and avoid an odious Distinction that must inevitably be made between the Behaviour of a *Maryland* Lower House of Assembly, and that of all the other Colonies, who have been applied to on this important Business.

As for not giving you an Answer to your Address in relation to the Levy of One Pound of Tobacco per Poil, I have deferred it purely in respect to his Majesty's Service, which ought to have engrossed our whole Attention, and which if it had, would have saved me the Pain of answering an Address of so strange a nature as what you have sent me this Day, which as I know to be the Production of a few, so to a few, very few do I impute it.

15th August, 1745.

T. BLADEN.

*The House adjourns to 2 of the Clock.
Post Meridiem.*

The House met according to Adjournment.

Col. *Colvill*, from the Committee appointed to inspect the Office and Proceedings of the Commissioners for Emitting Bills of Credit established by Act of Assembly, delivers Mr. Speaker the following Report, *viz.*

At a Committee of Both Houses of Assembly, appointed to inspect the Office and Proceedings of the Commissioners for emitting Bills of Credit, established by Act of Assembly, August 6, 1745;

P R E S E N T

The Honourable EDWARD LLOYD, Esq; of the Upper House,
Col. THOMAS COLVILL,
Maj. THOMAS SHEREDINE,
Mr. GRUNDY PEMBERTON,
Mr. ABRAHAM BARNES, } Of the Lower House.

Who make choice of the Hon. *Edward Lloyd*, Esq; Chairman; and *Richard Dorsey*, Clerk; and agree to make the following Report.

YOUR Committee find, that through the Remissness of the Sheriffs, there remains due to the Public large Ballances from several Counties, amounting to the Sum of 1304 l. 7 s. 4 d. as per Account annexed; and thought it their Duty as early in the Session as could be, to give Both Houses an Account thereof.

Also we find that no Money has been paid into the Office for 112 l. 16 s. mentioned in the last Report to be paid to *William Ghiselin*, by *Edward Trippe*, Sheriff of *Dorchester* County, and for which the said *Ghiselin's* Receipt was then produced; nor for 94 l. 4 s. for which *Benjamin Bradford*, Sheriff of *Cecil* County, also then produced the said *Ghiselin's* Receipt; and to be received on Account of Ordinary Licenses and public Levy.

All which is submitted to the Consideration of Both Houses, this 16th Day of August, 1745, by

Memorandum,
Money paid by Mr. *Cheston*, Sheriff of *Kent* County, since the closing the Books, for Ordinary Licenses, 35 l. 12 s. 6 d.

EDWARD LLOYD,
THO. COLVILL,
T. SHEREDINE,
G. PEMBERTON,
ABRAHAM BARNES.

An Account of Ordinary Licenses, granted in the several and respective Counties in the Province of MARYLAND, according to the Lists thereof returned to the Commissioners of the Paper-Currency Office, by the respective Clerks of each County, from the Year 1740 to the Year 1744, inclusive; with the Ballances that appear to be due from the several Counties on the 10th Day of July last, when the Books of the said Office were closed.

Baltimore County, from the Year 1740 to 1744, inclu- sive.	Licenses, 103 at 2 l. 10 s. £. 257 10 0	Commission on 257 l. 10 s. at 5	} 10 17 6
		per Cent. — — — —	
		Ballance, — — — —	
			£. 257 10 0

Cecil