

the Lands are Chargeable with them, yet it falls so little short, that in the length of the Time for which he may be willing such Composition shall continue, his increasing Income must necessarily exceed it in a very great Proportion, his Rents being augmented within these Five Years, to almost Four Hundred Pounds per Annum, besides a great many Certificates not yet examined, many still in hands of the Surveyors, and Land-Warrants located for great Quantities of Land, but not yet executed.

This his Lordship is so sensible of, that no other Motive than what the Lower House expressed in their Address in the Session 1742, could induce his Lordship to hearken to any Proposal about his Quit-Rents, but since in that Address in which they made a Proposal about the Quit-Rents, the Lower House declared, "That they were inclined to do all in their Power, to bring about that good Harmony which had theretofore subsisted between his Lordship and his Ancestors, and the good People of this Province, and that if his Lordship was inclinable to come into their Proposal, they hoped the Directions which should be given to his Governor for the Purposes aforesaid, might contribute towards accomplishing that good Agreement between his Lordship and Tenants so much desired." And as you now desire me to communicate to you any Circumstance which I may think conducive to the Completion of this Matter, I must frankly tell you, that a Disposition in you not to be less forward in what may concern the Honour of Government, and Defence of the Province, than his Lordship's Inclination for the well being of his Tenants, will be the most likely Method to obtain the great End of Ease and Happiness to the whole Province, and consequently Satisfaction to his Lordship, and give me leave to assure you I shall reckon it one of the most Fortunate Occurrences in my Life, if I could be in any manner Instrumental in procuring his Lordship's Approbation of what may be concluded on here in a Matter which so nearly concerns the Quiet and Welfare of Maryland.

T. BLADEN.

The House adjourns 'til 2 of the Clock.

Post Meridiem.

The House met according to Adjournment.

A Question was put, Whether this House will agree to settle Officers Fees at one fifth Part less than what is now taken, provided, all Recording and Copying in the Secretary's, Commissary's, and Land Offices, and in the Chancery Court and Court of Appeals, be at 8 Pounds of Tobacco per Side, and Searches at 15 Pounds of Tobacco, and that the Commissary-General receive no Fees for Services done by his Deputies? *Resolved* in the Affirmative.

FOR the AFFIRMATIVE,

Mr. Bond,
—Abell,
—Barnes,
—J. Gresham,
—R. Gresham,
—Harris,
—Henry Hall,

Mr. Courts,
—Harrison,
—Stoughton,
—King,
—D. Wilson,
—Dennis,

Mr. Lloyd,
—Thomas,
—Ennalls,
—George,
—Colwill,
—Pearce,

Mr. Hyland,
—Sheredine,
—Paca,
—John Hall,
—Buchanan,
—Gordon,

Mr. Pemberton,
—T. Wilkinson,
—Hopper,
—Purnell,
—Selby,
—Outten.

FOR the NEGATIVE,

Mr. G. Wilson,
—Carroll,
—P. Hammond,
—Worthington,

Mr. Smith,
—Jof. Hall,
—Brome,
—Mackall,

Mr. N. Goldsborough,
—J. Goldsborough,
—Hooper,
Mr. Lecompte,
—Wootton,
—Sprigg,

Mr. Addison,
—Bordley,
—T. Hammond.

Mr. Goldsborough, from the Committee of Aggrievances and Courts of Justice, delivers Mr. Speaker the following Report, *viz.*

By the Committee of Aggrievances, and Courts of Justice.

YOUR Committee take Leave to inform your honourable House, that some time in December, in the Year 1743, the Reverend Mr. Nathanael Whitaker did draw his Note payable to Mrs. Theodosia Humphreys (now the Wife of Mr. Philip Key) for Fifty Shillings Current Money, and delivered the same to Mordecai Hammond for the use of the said Theodosia.

Your Committee further inform your honourable House, that in March 1744, on the application of the said Mordecai Hammond to Mr. Philip Jones, one of the Magistrates of Anne-Arundel County, the said Hammond obtained a Warrant against the said Nathanael Whitaker, who by virtue thereof was carried before the said Jones, and that upon the said Hammond's alledging that the Note aforesaid was drawn payable to himself, gave Judgment against the said Whitaker for the sum of Fifty Shillings (altho' the said Whitaker insisted upon the said Hammond's producing the said Note, or making the usual Affidavit, *to wit,* that the Note was lost, and could not be found) and committed the said Nathanael Whitaker to the Custody of the Constable of the Hundred, in order to be conveyed to the Public Goal of the said County, who continued in the Custody of the said Constable, till he the said Whitaker did satisfy and pay the said Fifty Shillings and Costs thereon, which partial and unprecedented Proceeding, we take to be an Oppression, and tends to alienate the Minds of the People from the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary of this Province. But is humbly submitted to the Consideration of your Honourable House.

Signed per Order, E. DORSEY, Cl. Com.

A Question was put, Whether this House will agree to 9 Pounds of Tobacco per Side, for Copying and Recording in the Secretary's, Commissary's and