

Questions were then severally put, Whether a Duty shall be laid on Barrell'd Pork, Pig-Iron, Bar Iron, Iron Ore, and Corn? *Resolved* in the Negative.

It being agreed to make several Amendments to the Report, it was committed accordingly.

The House adjourns 'til To-morrow Morning at 9 of the Clock.

Saturday Morning, September 14, 1745.

THE House met according to Adjournment: And the Proceedings of Yesterday were Read.

Col. King delivers Mr. Speaker the following Report, as amended in the Committee :

At a Committee appointed by the Honourable the Lower House of Assembly, to enquire what Commodities, besides Tobacco, it will be convenient to tax, and how much, towards raising a Sum to be paid his Lordship in Lieu of his Quit Rents;

WERE PRESENT

- Col. Robert King,
- Mr. Joshua George,
- Mr. Philip Hammond,
- Mr. Walter Smith,
- Col. Thomas Colwill,
- Dr. Charles Carroll.

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LIBRARY.

YOUR Committee conceive that the following Merchandize and Commodities will bear the several Duties or Imposts to them respectively annexed, *viz.*

EXPORTS.

- Pipe Staves, 5 s. Sterling per Thousand;
- Hogshead Staves, 2 s. 6 d. per Thousand;
- Barrel Staves, 1 s. 6 d. per Thousand;
- Shingles, 6 d. per Thousand.

IMPORTS.

- Negroes, 20 s. Sterling per Head, additional Duty;
- White Servants in general, 5 s. per Head;
- Rum and Spirits, 5 s. per Hundred Gallons, in all Bottoms, and by whatever ways or means brought in, with the usual Discount allowed;
- Every Pipe of Wine, 5 s. and so in Proportion for a smaller-Cask, with the usual Discount allowed.

All which is humbly submitted to the Consideration of your Honourable House.

Signed per Order, V. DENTON, Clerk.

Which being Read, the House concurs therewith.

A Bill for Settlement of Lands therein mentioned on Francis Waring, and the Heirs of his Body lawfully begotten, was Read the First Time, and Ordered to lie on the Table.

Mr. Harris, from the Committee of Laws, brings in a Bill, entitled; *An Act for the better regulating the Election of Delegates to serve in Assembly*; which was Read the First Time, and Ordered to lie on the Table.

The following Message, *viz.*

By the Lower House of Assembly, September 14, 1745.

May it please your Honours,

AS we suppose your Honours will not deny in express Terms, that a Parliamentary Proceeding by Bill is an amicable one, nor that the 21st Day of August is prior to the 27th Day of the same Month; we must, in Answer to your Message of the 11th Instant, inform you, that on the said 21st Day of last Month, we sent up to your House, after a Passage in this, a Bill entitled, *An Act for Limitation of Officers Fees*; which Step taken by us was, we think, this Session, "the first Advance for an amicable Settlement of the Officers Fees," and which Bill, tho' the Fees stand charged in it considerably higher on every Article, than those of any of our neighbouring Governments; from whence it might have been reasonably expected to have passed your House: Yet, to shew "the Sincerity of your Disposition to concur in any reasonable Measures that might conduce to the Ease and Happiness of the People," was returned to this House Indorsed, "By the Upper House of Assembly, 27 August, 1745, Read the Second Time by especial Order, and will not pass." And tho' from your Message therewith, we entertained Hopes the Matter might be adjusted by a Conference, and accordingly proposed one, and wherein those named by us acted in pursuance of, and agreeable to the Orders and Instructions of this House; yet to give a further Proof "of your sincere Disposition, &c." your Conferrees demanded; and we agreed, for some "Ease and Quiet to the People," to allow a considerable Advance upon most of the Articles in that Bill: But because we could not agree to an Advance still larger upon the Article of Copies, out of your greater Regard to some other Motive than "the Ease and Quiet of the People," that Concession was refused, and thus ended that Conference. From hence will appear "the Sincerity of your Disposition to concur in any reasonable Measures that might conduce to the Ease and Happiness of the People," intimated in your Message sent with that Bill; and hence too, take to yourselves what "Comfort you can, in having very earnestly endeavoured to promote the Welfare and Quiet of the People:" "But as this House acts upon such Principles, as not to be diverted,