

And it is further *Ordered*, That the Commissioners aforesaid do require the said Justices to send their Reasons in Writing to them, wherefore they retained those Monies so long in their Possession, without their rendring any Account to them the Commissioners aforesaid; and that the Clerk of this House make out a Copy of this Order, and deliver it to the Commissioners of the Paper Currency.

Richard Lee, Esq; from the Upper House, delivers to Mr. Speaker the Bill entituled, *An Act to enable Mrs. Sarah Hollyday, Executrix of James Hollyday, Esq; deceased, to pay the Money therein mentioned*, Indorsed, "By the Upper House of Assembly, June 11, 1748, Read the first and second Time by an especial Order, and will pass.

"Signed per Order, J. Ross, Cl. Up. Ho."

Which Bill was read here, and passed for Ingrossing.

The Bill entituled, *An Act for altering and establishing certain Warehouses, &c.*

And the following Message, *viz,*

By the Lower House of Assembly, June 11, 1748.

May it please your Honours,

IN Answer to your Message of Yesterday, by Col. Hammond, with the Bill entituled, *An Act for altering and establishing certain Warehouses, and for other Purposes therein mentioned*; this House have agreed that the first part of that Bill that you objected to, be left out of it.

Also they have agreed to leave out your 2d Objection thereto, being of Opinion that the Inspection Law sufficiently guards therefore.

As to that part of the Bill to which your Honours propose the 3d Amendment, we think it so equitable and agreeable to the Inspection Law, that we hope your Honours will not insist on having that Clause left out of the Bill; for not only you, but all that ever read the Inspection Law, must be of Opinion, that the true and genuine Design thereof, in regard to Tobacco Debts, was, that all such Debts, due at the Time of making thereof, and which should be paid in inspected Tobacco, might be discharged by Debtors with a Deduction of one fourth Part of the Debt. The Inspection Law is so clear in this Matter, that it will admit of no Doubt: And we can truly say, that had not such a Provision been agreed to by all Branches of the legislative Body no such Law would have been made.

But we find that several Creditors, in order to evade that part of the Law, have compell'd many poor unthinking People to enter into new Contrac's for their Debts, merely to evade the Deduction given by Law; and therefore to prevent the Evil which must ensue from such evasive and pernicious Practices, and to fulfil the real and honest Intention of the Inspection Law, we think the Paragraph, as it stands in the Bill, absolutely necessary; for thereby the Evils complained of, and already begun, can only be prevented; and one great motive which induced the passing of the said Law, *to wit,* the deduction of one fourth of Tobacco Debts due from the People, be secured to them, according to the spirit and Intention of the Law aforesaid.

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