

HORATIO SHARPE, Esq; Governor. 19

Your Committee, on enquiring what the Funds bring in yearly, for replacing the Sum of 4000 *l.* 8 *s.* granted by an Act of Assembly, entituled, *An Act for his Majesty's Service*, in July, 1754, find no Money paid into the Office, and applied, in Pursuance of the said Act, except 15 *l.* 12 *s.* by the Clerk of *Dorchester* County, for Pedlars Licences, and such Part of the Money arising for Ordinary Licences, which has been paid in Pursuance of the aforesaid Act, is placed, by the Commissioners, to the Credit of the *Cuba* and *Canada* Expeditions, so that your Committee cannot, at this Time, make any Estimate of what the several Funds may annually bring in.

Your Committee find, That the following Tracts of Land, belonging to *William Cumming*, late of *Anne Arundel* County, were seized, by *Fieri facias*, towards the Discharge of the said *Cumming's* Bonds to the Commissioners, and now remain undisposed of, *viz.*

<i>Hazard,</i>	-	-	-	-	60 Acres,	<i>£.</i>	15	0	0	
<i>Hood's Hall,</i>	-	-	-	-	100 Acres,		35	0	0	
Part of <i>Ben's Luck,</i>	-	-	-	-	25 Acres,		4	1	3	
Half of <i>Freeborn's Progress,</i>	-	-	-	-	130 Acres,		52	0	0	
3 Lots and Houses, in <i>Annapolis,</i>	-	-	-	-			150	0	0	
							<i>£.</i>	256	1	3

All which is submitted to the Consideration of both Houses of Assembly, this 10th of *March*, 1755.

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WALTER DULANY,
MICHAEL EARLE,
JOHN HENRY,
JAMES EDGE,
JOHN BRACCO.

Which was Read, and the House concurs therewith.

Richard Lee, Esq; from the Upper House, delivers to Mr. Speaker a Bill, entituled, *An Act for raising a Supply towards his Majesty's Service*, which was thus Indorsed, "By the Upper House of Assembly, *March* 3, 1755, Read the first Time, and ordered to lie on the Table; and (thus) By the Upper House of Assembly, *March* 10, 1755, Read the second Time, and will not pass.

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

And, the following Message, *viz.*

By the Upper House of Assembly, *March* 10, 1755.

Gentlemen,

AFTER duly considering the Bill that you were pleased to send to us, under the Title of *An Act for raising a supply towards his Majesty's Service*, we have thought fit to return it with a Negative, for Reasons which we hope will, in your Opinion, justify our Refusal of that Bill, and incline you to frame a less exceptionable One for the important Service, which, by this, you proposed to promote. To that Part of the Bill which directs the Issuing and making Current, the Sum of 4014 *l.* 6 *s.* as an additional Sum to the Bills of Credit that have been made Current, and is at present in Circulation, according to a Law of this Province, enacted in the Year 1733, we object, because we are persuaded, that an Emission of such a Number of new Bills manifestly tends to depreciate the Credit of our Paper Currency, which we think it the Duty of each Branch of the Legislature, for many obvious and weighty Causes, to support: We observe also, that to answer the Purposes of this Bill, the several Sums now lent on Loan, according to the Intent and Direction of the said Law of 1733, must be called in, which we apprehend would, in some Proportion, lessen the Security, or Fund, of our Currency. To repay the Loan Office Part of the 10,000 *l.* we observe, that the Bill appropriates the Fines and Forfeitures accruing from Ordinary Licences, which, had we no other Motives to object to that Part of the Bill, and to such an Appropriation, we think are too far mortgaged already to be subjected to the Payment of other Monies, of which we remember the late House of Delegates were convinced, when they insisted, about a Year since, that the Ordinary Licence Fund was too far engaged to be made liable to the Payment of so small a Sum as Five Hundred Pounds. And,