

MEMORANDUM.

Money paid into the Office since the closing the Books:

By Col. Benjamin Tupper, Naval-Officer of <i>Annapolis</i> , for the Duty } on Convicts, _____	173 11 0
By Ditto for Ditto on Indented Servants, _____	42 8 3
By Ditto for Ditto on Negroes, _____	9 5 3
By Ditto for Ditto on <i>Madeira</i> Wine, _____	34 10 3 $\frac{1}{4}$
By George Gordon, late Sheriff of <i>Frederick</i> County, for Ordinary } Licences, _____	118 0 0
By Henry Johnson, Clerk of <i>Worcester</i> County, for Pedlars Licences,	15 12 0
By Thomas Hayward, junior, Clerk of <i>Somerjet</i> County, for Ditto,	3 18 0
By Henry Ballard, late Sheriff of <i>Somerjet</i> County, his Executors, for } Ordinary Licences, _____	10 1 0
By James Smith, Clerk of <i>Kent</i> County, for Pedlars Licences,	23 8 0
By John C. _____, Clerk of <i>Dorchester</i> County, for Ditto,	15 12 0

Your Committee further find, that no Money hath been paid into the Office, in Discharge of the Ballances frequently reported to be due from the following Sheriffs, for Public Assessments and Ordinary Licences, *viz.*

Edward Tupper, late Sheriff of <i>Dorchester</i> County, _____	110 15 10 $\frac{1}{2}$
Richard Pester, late Sheriff of <i>Talbot</i> County, _____	76 8 6
Benjamin Bradford, late Sheriff of <i>Cecil</i> County, _____	29 12 1

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Your Committee also find, That the Method of Book-keeping which has been and now is used in the Paper Currency Office, and the Neglect of some of the Officers impowered to collect the several Funds payable into that Office, is such, That your Committee hath not been able to make such Estimates of what the Funds annually produce, as is required of them by the Honourable the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly; and, that if the present Method be continued, the said Books must remain in the same confused Manner.

Your Committee therefore humbly propose, that the present Method of keeping the Books in that Office may be changed into that which is commonly called the *Italian* Method or Double Entry; and that the Commissioners be directed to keep the Office Books, for the Time to come, in that Manner and Form; and that the Iron Chest Account may be made to answer to a general Cash Account, to all Intents and Purposes.

And your Committee further propose, That an Address be presented to his Excellency the Governor, to order the several Officers, concerned in collecting the Money, to be paid on the several Funds into the said Office, to return proper Accounts in due Time, and make Payment accordingly.

All which is submitted to the Consideration of the Lower House of Assembly, (the Honourable SAMUEL CHAMBERLAIN, Esq; of the Upper House, not concurring therewith), by

WALTER DULANY,
MICHAEL EARLE,
JAMES EDGE,
JOSIAH BEALL,
ALEXANDER WILLIAMSON,
JOHN BRACCO,
JOHN HENRY.

Which was Read, and ordered to lie on the Table.

The following Message, *viz.*

By the Lower House of Assembly, *March* 5, 1756.

May it please your Honours,

WE have now under our Consideration, a Bill for the Defence of the Province, but as it requires Time to frame it with Propriety, and to agree upon Means to raise a fit Sum of Money for this necessary and important Purpose, and in the mean Time our Frontier Inhabitants may be greatly distressed, if not speedily assisted; we desire your Concurrence to an Ordinance for the Payment of Five Hundred Pounds, by the Commissioners of the Loan-Office, to his Excellency the Governor, to be by him laid out and disposed of, for the Protection and Security of the said Inhabitants; and also, to enable him to pay to any