

to be excused from the Payment of any Tax by this Bill imposed, as well as all Parochial and County Charges for the Term of one Year from the Time of such enlisting or taking up Arms as aforesaid: That upon the Rent Roll Keeper and Receiver of the Land-Tax differing in the Settlement of their Accounts, we think it will be more equitable and just that such Settlement shall be made with the Receiver by the Commissioners of the Paper-Office, as indifferent Persons, than to conclude the Receiver by the Return of the Rent-Roll-Keeper.

That, in that Clause obliging the Agent, or his Lordship's Receiver-General, to give an Account of the exact Quantity of Acres of Land contained within his Lordship's Manors and Reserves, and to pay the Tax thereon, we think should be added a Clause to make him a reasonable Satisfaction for performing the same, as it is impossible for him to comply with that Part of the Bill without surveying and laying out many, if not all, of the said Manors and Reserves, and in many Instances Lands contiguous thereto, to enable him to ascertain the exact Quantity of Acres.

That, in the Clause continuing the Act of Assembly entituled, *An Act for his Majesty's Service*, made at a Session of Assembly, begun and held at the City of Annapolis the 17th Day of July, 1754, relating to the several Duties therein mentioned, and also the several Parts of the Act of Assembly therein mentioned to be continued after the Purposes in the same Act, and the Acts therein mentioned, are fully answered, until the Sum of 40,000 *l.* by this Bill proposed to be raised, shall, by the Ways and Means in this Bill directed, be repaid and replaced in the Office, we apprehend, the Duty on Convicts should be excepted, the same being, as we are advised, contrary to, and repugnant to, the Law of *England*, and therefore cannot be assented to by the Lord Proprietary, as being contrary to the Charter of the Province.

That the new Emission of Paper Money must be sunk within Five Years, in Obedience to his Majesty's Instructions, and as the Ways and Means in this Bill for raising a Fund for the repaying and replacing the same Money within that Time are uncertain, such Provision must be made as will undoubtedly bring in the whole Sum of that Money in that Time in Case of a Deficiency.

These, *Gentlemen*, are the Observations we think necessary to make upon this Bill at present, and shall be pleased you will give us your Result thereon as soon as you can.

“ Signed per Order, J. Ross, Cl. Up. Ho.”

*Samuel Chamberlain*, Esq; from the Upper House, delivers to Mr. Speaker a Petition of the Inhabitants of *Fredrick County*; indorsed, “ By the Upper House of Assembly, read and referred to the Consideration of the Lower House of Assembly;” which was here read, and ordered to lie on the Table.

*The House adjourns till II of the Clock Afternoon.*

*P. M. Monday* — The House met according to Adjournment, &c.

On reading the Address to his Excellency, brought in by Mr. *Murdock* from the Committee appointed for that Purpose, the Question was put, Whether the Address be Approved, or Not? *Resolved* in the Affirmative.

For the AFFIRMATIVE,

<i>Speakers</i>	J. Reeder,	Reynolds,	Edge,	Ward,	Bracco,
	Hendon,	B. Mackall,	Travers,	Addison,	Scarborough,
	Williamson,	Stoddert,	Tolley,	Murdock,	Evans,
	Walls,	Jordan,	Govane,	Frazer,	Crabb,
	Hammond,	Handy,	Smith,	Hawkins,	Chapline,
	Hall,	Waggaman,	Hyland,	Lloyd,	Beall,
	Galloway,	M. Tilghman,	Earle,	E. Tilghman,	Sprigg.
	Carroll,	Edmondson,	Baker,	Casson,	

For the NEGATIVE,

<i>M. J. Henry</i>	Jenifer,	R. Henry,	Dennis,	Dulany.
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Which Address was indorsed, “ read, approved, and ordered to be ingrossed.”

The Bill entituled, *An Act for preventing the Evils occasioned by Masters of Ships, &c. dealing with or employing Servants or Slaves*, was read the second Time, and will pass.

*The House adjourns until the Morrow Morning at VIII of the Clock.*