

not, on the said 15th Day of February, in such Order as to shew the State of the Funds on View: On which said 15th Day of February the said Commissioners, so to be nominated, out of and from among, the Members of both Houses, should make Enquiry into the State of the Funds aforesaid, and estimate what those Funds, in the Five Years Collection, would amount to, allowing the Fifth Year's Collection, then to come, to be equal to the averaged Rate of the Four preceding Years, and if any Deficiency should appear on such Estimate, they should then ascertain such additional Tax on Lands, to make good such Deficiency; and lest the Fifth Year's Collection should fall short of what should be then allowed in such Estimate, by which Means the Deficiency might be larger than by such Estimate to them appeared, the further Sum of Five Hundred Pounds should be added thereto. That the Persons so to be nominated, should deliver Certificates of the Rate of the additional Land-Tax aforesaid, under their Hands and Seals by the Day of to the Sheriff of Anne-Arundel County, under proper Penalties, to be forwarded as Public Letters. That the additional Tax should be collected, accounted for, &c. as the Land-Tax already imposed. That the Persons, so to be nominated, who should then meet and act, should be allowed, in the Journal of Accounts, the Pay ascertained for Counsellors and Delegates serving in General Assembly, and itinerant Charges. That the Proceedings of the Persons, so to be nominated, should be laid before the next General Assembly thereafter.

Upon which the Conferrees of the Upper House resorted to their House, to take their Instructions, who returned and told the Conferrees of the Lower House, That the Upper House would agree to the Proposition, except that Part which directs, that Three Members of the Upper House, and Twelve of the Lower House, should be appointed Commissioners, whom they would not agree should be chose out of the Members of either House, but that Persons should be nominated that were not Members.

The Conferrees adjourn until X o'Clock To-morrow Morning.  
And meet accordingly.

The Conferrees of the Upper House Propose, That the Commissioners, to be appointed in Case of a Deficiency, be appointed in like Manner and in the same Proportion as usual, by both Houses, in laying the Public Levy.

Upon which the Conferrees of the Lower House repair to their House for Instructions.

The Conferrees adjourn to Half an Hour after II o'Clock.  
Post-Meridiem. And met accordingly.

When the Conferrees of the Lower House Report, That their House will not concur with the Proposal of the Conferrees of the Upper House; but do propose, that the Commissioners, to be appointed in Case of a Deficiency, be Five Members of the Upper House, and Twelve of the Lower House, to be nominated by each House respectively. To which Proposal the Conferrees of the Upper House Reply, That they are not instructed by their House to agree to any particular Number of Commissioners, but are willing to refer it to the usual Practice of laying the Public Levy, according to their Proposal. Upon which they resorted to their House, and return and further say, They are instructed by their House to say, that they will not agree to the Proposal made by the Conferrees of the Lower House, but adhere to their former Proposition, with this, That they are willing to be determined, as to the Usage therein, by the greatest Number of Precedents that can be found within Twenty Years.

The Conferrees adjourn to X o'Clock To-morrow Morning.  
And meet accordingly.

The Conferrees of the Lower House resort to their House for Instructions; and return and say, They are instructed by their House to agree to the Proposition of the Conferrees of the Upper House.

Proposed by the Conferrees of the Upper House, That the Duty on the Buyer of Convicts, imported into this Province, be struck out of the Bill. Upon which the Conferrees of the Lower House resort to their House: They return and say, They are instructed to agree to that Proposal.

The Conferrees of the Upper House object to those Words, in the Bill, which Tax his Lordship's Reserves; but agree, that all his Lordship's Manors shall be Taxed; and all his other Lands, for which he receives, or for which he shall receive, any Rent, should be subjected to the Tax imposed. Upon which the Conferrees of the Lower House resort to their House for Instruction therein.

The Conferrees adjourn until Monday II o'Clock.

Post-Meridiem. And meet accordingly, except Col. Edward Tilghman and Mr. Murdock.

Stephen Bordley, junior, Clerk to the Conferrees, being unable to attend, they choose, for their Clerk, Thomas Johnson, junior.

The Conferrees of the Lower House, acquaint those of the Upper House, That the Lower House agree to amend those Parts of the Bill, which Tax his Lordship's Reserves, agreeable to the Proposal made on Saturday.

Agreed, That in Page 72, the Word [Reserved] be struck out; and between the Words [Lands] and [by] in the first Line of that Page, be inserted [which are or shall be hereafter Leased out]: In the Fourth Line of