

At a COMMITTEE of both HOUSES of ASSEMBLY, appointed to Inspect the Office and Proceedings of the Commissioners for Emitting Bills of Credit, established by Act of Assembly.

WERE PRESENT,

The Honourable SAMUEL CHAMBERLAINE, Esq; of the Upper House.

Mr. WALTER DULANY,  
Mr. MICHAEL EARLE,  
Mr. ROBERT LLOYD,  
Mr. JOHN BRACCO,  
Mr. ALEXANDER WILLIAMSON,  
Mr. MATTHEW TILGHMAN,  
Mr. BRICE T. B. WORTHINGTON,  
and  
Mr. JOHN HANSON,

} of the Lower House.

Who make Choice of and Appoint the Honourable SAMUEL CHAMBERLAINE, Esq; Chairman; and Richard Dory their Clerk.

YOUR Committee have Inspected the Books and Accounts of the said Office, and finding them not kept in that regular and distinct Manner, which has been recommended by former Committees, have not been able to examine thoroughly into the State and Condition of the same, or into the Conduct and Behaviour of the said Commissioners or Trustees, and can therefore agree only to make the following Report, viz.

Your Committee, on Examination of the Iron Chest or Cash Account (N<sup>o</sup>. 1.) raised in the said Books, find, that on the 29th of September last (the Time the same were ballanced) there remained of the Money paid into the Office as Principal and Interest due on Loans, and of the Money paid in by some of the Officers concerned in collecting the public Funds, the Sum of £. 121 9 8 $\frac{1}{4}$ . And from the Face of the Iron Chest Account N<sup>o</sup>. 2. it appears, that at the Time abovementioned, a Ballance remained therein of £. 835 1 5 $\frac{1}{4}$ , whereof £. 367 9 10 0 is liable to be drawn out by the Agents, by Order of his Excellency the Governor, to be applied as a Reward for Indian Scalps and Prisoners; £. 1881 19 8 $\frac{1}{2}$  for other Purposes mentioned in the £. 40,000 Act; and the Sum of £. 3303 11 9 $\frac{3}{4}$  to be applied towards replacing the Sum of £. 5984 14 0 directed to be taken out of the said Office by the said Act, which leaves a Ballance of that Sum still to be replaced of £. 2681 2 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ .

It appears also to your Committee, that the Sheriff, Collector of Excise and Collector of the Land-Tax, for Cecil County, have never yet made any Return, or paid in any Monies for the Excise on Liquors, or for the Land-Tax, or any other Rate or Duty imposed by the £. 40,000 Act; and that the Collector of the Land-Tax in Kent County, has never yet made any Return, or paid any Monies for the Land-Tax; and that your Committee have Reason to apprehend, that several other Officers have been remiss in their Duty, tho' at this Time they have not been able to make so strict an Enquiry, as to justify their pointing them out particularly.

Your Committee, further considering the Irregularity of the Books and Accounts of the said Office, humbly offer it as their Opinion, that unless the Books and Accounts of the said Office are reduced to, and for the future kept in, the Italian Method, it will be extremely difficult, if not impossible, for any Committee, during the Sitting of Assembly, to make so full an Enquiry into the State and Condition of that Office, as the Public Security seems to require.

All which is submitted to the Consideration of both Houses of Assembly.

October 10, 1757.

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Which said Report was Read and Referred for Consideration the next Session of Assembly.

Benedict Calvert, Esq; from the Upper House, delivers to Mr. Speaker, the Bill, entituled, *An Act to make Valid the Proceedings of the Session of Assembly lately held at Baltimore-Town; Indorsed, "By the Upper House of Assembly, December 7, 1757. Read the second Time, and will not pass.*

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

Mr.