

only Motives in the Choice of Persons to execute the Laws; but that Ability, Uprightness, and such a Share of Property as may put them above the Temptation of Corruption, will be the prevailing Recommendations to your Excellency's Favour in all Promotions to Places of Profit and Trust: By such a Conduct, the People of this Province will reap the full Benefit of the Laws, the Interest of the Proprietor will be best consulted, and the Honour and Dignity of the Administration duly supported.

An Extract from the Report of the Committee of both Houses of Assembly, appointed to Inspect the Office and Proceedings of the Commissioners or Trustees for Emitting Bills of Credit, established by Act of Assembly.

The Naval Officer of Patuxent District in his Account, 1755, charges the Province as follows:

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| To John Knight's Exchange on Johnson and Company,                  | 53 6 3     |
| To Edward Barnes on Spencer for                                    | 34 12 5    |
|  | £. 87 18 8 |
| Credits the Province by 15 d. per Hoghead on 995 Hogheads Tobacco, | 62 3 9     |
| And charges the Balance to next Account,                           | 25 14 11   |
|  | £. 87 18 8 |

Which Balance of 25 l. 14 s. 11 d. he transfers to the Debit of his next Year's Account against the Province; but it does not appear that the above Two Bills, amounting to 87 l. 18 s. 8 d. were ever Credited by the Trustees; yet by their Account of the next Year they Credited the Province by John Hanbury on said Naval Officer's Account 62 l. 3 s. 9 d. from which, we apprehend, the said Bills were not paid; and the said Naval Officer has ordered Mr. Hanbury to pay the Nett Sum due only on the Tobacco, by the preceding Account exported; by which the said Balance of 25 l. 14 s. 11 d. carried to next Account against the Province, should have been again Credited, and not being so, is still due to the Province,

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| And for Balance of his Account, 1756, he charges his Order on William Perkins in Favour of Messieurs Hunt and Hanbury remitted, | 25 14 11    |
| And for Balance of his Account, 1757, his Exchange on Mr. William Perkins, to be remitted to the Trustees by the first Ship,    | 319 18 4    |
|   | 286 1 3     |
|   | £. 631 14 6 |

But your Committee don't find that the Trustees have Credited the Province with the said Sum of 319 l. 18 s. 4 d. and 286 l. 1 s. 3 d. by which your Committee is induced to believe the said Order and Bills were not paid, and that therefore the Balance due from the said Officer to the Year 1757, is 631 l. 14 s. 6 d. as appears by the above Account; and your Committee take Leave farther to Report to the Honourable House, that they cannot find that the said Naval Officer has rendered any Accounts for the 15 d. per Hoghead, for the Years 1758, 1759, 1760, or that the Trustees have Credited the Province with any Monies or Bills remitted by the said Officer for the said Three last Years; which your Committee think a great Breach of Duty in that Officer, and a great Injury to the Province.

So far the Report.

Since which the following Calculation is made from Minutes taken from the Book of Clearances of the Collector of Patuxent District, and Mr. Darnall's Accounts rendered to the Agent.

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| Ballance due in 1757, as per Report, | £. 631 14 6 |  |             |
| Hhds.                                |             |  |             |
| Exported in 1758, 6699               | }           | as per his Account with the Agent at 1/3   | 391 15 0    |
| Losses charged, 431                  |             |  | 6268        |
| In 1759, — — 5131                    | }           | as per Collectors Books at 1/3             | 321 3 3     |
| The Loss not known,                  |             |  | 4562        |
| In 1760, — — 4562                    | }           | as per his Account with the Agent at ditto | 260 0 0     |
| Losses charged, — 402                |             |  | 4160        |
| From Sept. 29th, 1760,               | }           | 5881 as per Collectors Books at ditto      | 367 11 3    |
| To April, 1761,                      |             |  | £. 1972 4 0 |
|                                      |             |  | Which       |