

Your Committee apprehend, that by the great Disproportion of the Excise collected in the several Counties since that Duty was established, that the Collectors in some of the Counties have been very deficient in their Duty; and that the Matter may appear, your Committee give the following Account, what each County has paid.

St. Mary's County,	£. 439	5	10	Cæcil,	—	—	£. 791	17	10 $\frac{1}{2}$		
Charles,	—	—	273	11	11 $\frac{1}{2}$	Kent,	—	—	1205	15	10
Prince-George's,	—	—	788	1	8	Queen-Anne's,	—	—	1103	12	4 $\frac{1}{2}$
Carvert,	—	—	357	6	11 $\frac{1}{2}$	Talbot,	—	—	830	13	3 $\frac{1}{2}$
Anne-Arundel,	—	—	1553	5	6	Dorchester,	—	—	554	11	4 $\frac{1}{2}$
Frederick,	—	—	808	11	8	Somerset,	—	—	288	5	8 $\frac{1}{2}$
Baltimore,	—	—	672	6	0	Worcester,	—	—	163	18	1 $\frac{1}{2}$

Your Committee, in Order to give the Honourable Houses an Opportunity of judging of the Solvency of the several Persons, and their Securities, who are indebted to the Office upon Bond or Mortgage, and to shew the Principal due by the said Bonds, and the Interest thereon to the Year 1762, and how far the Commissioners have complied with the Directions of the several Acts relative to their Duty in these Respects, have inserted the following List. [*The List was here annexed.*]

All which is submitted to the Consideration of both Houses of Assembly, this 24th April, 1762.

SAMUEL CHAMBERLAINE,
WALTER DULANY,
ROBERT LLOYD,
MICHAEL EARLE,
JOHN HANSON,
JOSIAS BEALL, junior,
JOHN TRUEMAN STODDERT,
THOMAS RINGGOLD,
CHARLES GRAHAME.

Which was Read the first and second Time; and thereupon Ordered, That Mr. Ringgold, Mr. Dulany, and Mr. Hayward, do prepare an Address, to be presented to his Excellency.

The House adjourns till 11 of the Clock.

Post-Meridies. The House met according to Adjournment.

Mr. Ringgold brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker, an Address to his Excellency; which was Read, Approved, and Ordered to be Ingrossed.

Mr. Ringgold brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker, the following Ingrossed Address:

To his Excellency HORATIO SHARPE, Esq; Governor and Commander in Chief in and over the Province of MARYLAND.

The humble ADDRESS of the House of DELEGATES.

May it please your EXCELLENCY,

BY the Report of the Committee of both Houses of Assembly, appointed to inspect the Office and Proceedings of the Commissioners of the Loan-Office, it appears to this House, that many Officers appointed to collect the several Duties under the 6000 *l.* and the 40,000 *l.* Acts, have been very remiss in their Duty. For your Excellency's fuller Information of the particular Failures, we beg Leave to refer you to an Extract from the said Report hereto annexed, and to intreat your Excellency to direct the most effectual Measures to be taken, to enforce the speedy Payment of those Deficiencies.

From a View of the abovementioned Extract, your Excellency will also observe, a very unequal Collection of the Excise in the different Counties; by which it must appear, that some of the Collectors have not been so diligent as they ought to have been; we must therefore beseech your Excellency to make Use of all the Means in your Power, to compel the Collectors to be more active for the future, and thereby prevent a general Loss to the Province, as well as a great Disproportion of Burthen on Individuals, from the strict Collection of the Excise in some Counties, and the extraordinary Negligence of the Collectors in others.

We must beg Leave further to refer your Excellency to the sundry Arrearages mentioned in the said Extract, which have been long due to this Province on Account of the Ordinary Licences, from former Sheriffs, several of whom are dead; and to request that your Excellency will direct the proper Steps to be speedily taken for the Recovery of those Sums of Money, which otherwise may, in all Probability, be for ever lost to the Country.

Which was Read and Assented to, and Signed, by Order of the House, by the Honourable Speaker.

Ordered, That Mr. James Tilghman and Mr. Earle do acquaint his Excellency, That this House hath prepared an Address, to be presented to him, and desires to know when and where he will be pleased to receive it. They return and acquaint Mr. Speaker, That the Governor signified he would receive it immediately in the Council Chamber.

Ordered, That Mr. Ringgold, with Five more, do present the Address to his Excellency.

Ordered, That Mr. Edward Tilghman, Mr. James Tilghman, Mr. Murdock, Mr. Robert Lloyd, Mr. Ringgold, and Mr. Hammond, do transmit the Address to his Majesty, to Mr. Benjamin Franklin in London, to be by him presented to his Majesty.

Ordered, That Dr. Steuart and Mr. Edmondson do acquaint his Excellency the Governor, That no Public Business lies before this House to transact.

Richard Lee, Esq; from the Upper House, delivers to Mr. Speaker, the following Message: