

Water Hanson, late Sheriff of Charles County,	23 15 0
William Mauduit, late Sheriff of Prince-George's County,	59 19 4 $\frac{1}{2}$
Ditto for 5 Ordinary Licences charged by Mistake to John Cook,	11 17 6
John Cook, late Sheriff of Prince-George's County,	71 16 10 $\frac{1}{2}$
	29 11 10 $\frac{1}{2}$

Your Committee have inspected the Returns and Payments of the several Officers and Collectors of the Funds under the forementioned Act, and find the following deficient in their Duty, viz. The Sheriff of St. Mary's County, for the Batchelor's Tax in 1763, and the Collector of Excise of said County for one Year's Excise due the 29th September 1763, and the Clerk of said County has made no Payments since February 25, 1762.

The Collector of Excise for Kent County has rendered no Account, nor paid any Excise from March 25th, 1759, to November in that Year, nor Wheel Carriages for 1757; and the Sheriff of that County owes a Ballance of 32l. 8s. 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. for Ordinary Licences in 1761, and 1l. 13s. 3d. for Ordinary Licences in 1762.

The Collector of the Land Tax for Anne-Arundel County, hath not paid the Land Tax from September 29th, 1761, to March 25th, 1763, nor the Sheriff the Batchelor's Tax for 1762; and the Collector of the Excise for the same County, from September 29th, 1761, to June 1763. The Sheriff of Calvert County has not accounted for the Batchelors Tax in 1759, and the Collector of Excise of same County, has not paid the half Year's Excise due September 29, 1763.

The Sheriff of Prince-George's County has not paid the Batchelor's Tax for 1762, and the Collector of the Land Tax of said County is indebted for Half a Year's Land Tax, ending September 29th, 1762; nor have they, or the Collector of Excise of that County, accounted for any Duties and Taxes of the present Year.

The Sheriff of Charles County owes 35l. 9s. 4d. on Account of Ordinary Licences 1762; the Collector of Excise of Queen-Anne's County, has not accounted nor paid between April 12th, 1762, and September 29th, 1763.

The Sheriff and Collector of Excise and Land Tax of Cecil County, has rendered no Accounts, nor paid any Money for Wheel Carriages in 1755 and 1756, nor for Billiard Tables or Batchelors Tax in 1756, 1757 and 1763, or for Excise or Land Tax from June 1756 to November 1757; also owes Half a Years Excise, ending September 29th, 1763.

The Sheriff of Baltimore County has not accounted for the Batchelor's Tax in 1763, the Collector of the Land Tax has not paid the Half Year ending March 25th, 1763, nor has the Collector of the Excise accounted for, or paid, the Half Year's Excise to September 29th, 1763.

The Sheriff of Talbot County has not paid the Batchelors Tax in 1763, nor the Taxes on Wheel Carriages and Billiard Tables for 1762, and the Collector of Excise for same County has not paid the Half Year's Excise, due September 29th, 1763.

The Sheriff of Worcester County has not accounted for any Wheel Carriages in 1761 and 1762, nor paid the Batchelors Tax in 1762 and 1763, and the Collector of Excise of said County hath not paid the Half Year's Excise due September 29th, 1763.

The Sheriff, and Collectors of Excise and Land Tax of Frederick County, have made no Payment of any of the Taxes and Duties due this present Year.

On Motion, the Question was put, That this House doth agree to the Proposals mentioned in the Message from the Upper House of the 24th of Nov. Instant, brought down by J. Ridout, Esq; Resolved in the Negative.

For the NEGATIVE,

Messrs.	Plater,	Hammond,	Dent,	Sulivane,	Jacob,
	J. Hall,	H. Hall,	Smallwood,	H. Baker,	Dulany,
	Hynson,	Johnson,	Edmondson,	N. Baker,	Tilghman,
	Ringgold,	Gantt,	Thomas,	Murdock,	Wright,
	Lloyd,	Grahame,	Steele,	Beall,	Magruder.
	Worthington,	Hanson,	Dorsey,	Waring,	

For the AFFIRMATIVE,

Mess. Key,	Steuart,	Beatty,	Chapline.
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The following Message, viz.

By the LOWER HOUSE of ASSEMBLY, November 25th, 1763.

May it please your HONOURS,

IN Answer to your Message of the 23d, accompanying the Journal; it gives us much concern that your Honours shou'd refuse a Bill for the speedy Payment of such of the Public Creditors as we have thought ought not to be left to the uncertainty of the Passage of a Journal; but we cannot allow, that from thence arises any Necessity of their Claims being inserted therein, and indeed it wou'd be mispending Time now to do it, or to return the Journal to your Honours, as you say the Allowance to the Clerk of the Council, which we have not disregarded, but have unanimously this Session refused to make, is a Point your House will ever insist on. Why you shou'd be apprehensive that because we have not made the Clerk of the Council the usual Allowance, some other just Claims have been disregarded, we are at a Loss to imagine; but as no doubt you had some