it Tob. Two Hundred and four Inspectors Commissions, (that Number being, by the Account, 30,600 supposed, though not afferted to have been issued,) at 150th Tobacco each, 9,600 One Hundred and Fifty Days Attendance, Petitions of fundry Persons, on private Occasions, to the Governor and Council, and 526 Recording an Indenture between Lord Baltimore, and Cacilius Calvert, Esq; of the one Part, and the Honourable Thomas Bennett, and William Sharpe, Esq; of the other Part, 270 Settlement of the Province of Maryland, 18 Recording the Petition of St. Paul's Parish, in Baltimore County, Part of 72 to of Tobacco, for Recording Proceedings of the Vestry of Port-Tobacco Parish, in Charles County, it being blended in the Charge with other Matters, the particular Part not distinguishable.

And that the Residue of that Account are Charges for writing Proclamations, and the Acts of his Lordship's Council, many of which are, and all, for any Thing your Committee know, may be on Subjects of a public Nature; but your Committee can discover no Act of Assembly that expressly, or implicitly, enjoined a Duty on the Clerk of the Council respecting any of them.

Your Committee remark, That, by the Inspection Law, §. 41, It is Enacted, "That the se-"veral and respective Vestry-men and Church-wardens, in all Cases, shall forthwith transmit Certificates of such Nomination and Recommendation, to the Sheriff of the said County, who " shall forthwith transmit the same to the Clerk of the Council, for the Time being, to be by "him laid before the Governor, or Commander in Chief, for the Time being, out of which " said Four or Two Persons, to be nominated and recommended for Inspector or Inspectors, the "Governor, or Commander in Chief, snall, and may appoint, by Warrant under his Hand, Two Persons out of the Four, or One Person out of the Two," &c. And Report, That the Warrants to the Inspectors, contain each nearly two Sides, of One Hundred and five Words to a Side; printed Blanks of which, have been, as your Committee understand, furnished and filled up by the Clerk of the Council.

Your Committee also Report, That the Amerciaments in the Provincial Court, granted by Act of Assembly, "to be applied as the Governor and Council shall direct," amount (by Information from the Clerk of the Provincial Court,) to about 2500 fb of Tobacco annually, which were given, as your Committee have been informed, to the late Clerk of the Council, tho' your Com-

mittee do not know how they are now disposed of.

That there is collected, by the respective Naval Officers, One Shilling Sterling per Hogshead, on all Tobacco Exported, under Colour of an Act of Assembly passed in 1704, granting that Duty "to her Majesty (Queen Anne,) her Heirs and Successors, for the Support of her Govern-"ment, for the Time being, in and over this her Majesty's Province aforesaid, and the Terri-

"tories to the same belonging," which annually amounts to about 1400 l. Sterling.

"That there are also collected, by the said Naval Officers, 14d. Sterling per Ton, on all foreign Vessels, under Colour of an Act of Assembly made in 1661, which your Committee conceive, on

a moderate Computation, amount annually to 1200 or 1200l. Sterling.

And that there are also collected, by the said Naval Officers, 3d. Sterling per Ton, on all Vessels trading here, not built in, or owned by Residents of this Province, by virtue of an Act of Assembly passed in the Year 1704, which imposes that Duty for the Use of the Governor of this Province, for the Time being, and which Duty is estimated to amount to about 200%. Sterling annually. But your Committee do not know to what Purposes the said One Shilling per Hogshead, and Fourteen Pence per Ton, are applied, or how the Fines arising by the Common Law, or Forseitures under Acts of Assembly, granting the same for the Support of Government, are disposed of; and which your Committee are of Opinion, yearly amount to a considerable Sum.

All which is humbly submitted to the Consideration of your Honourable House. JOHN DUCKETT, Junt. Clk. Signed per Order,

Which he Read in his Place, and afterwards delivered in at the Table; the faid Report was again Read by the Clerk a first and second Time, and Referred for Consideration Afternoon.

The House adjourns till II of the Clock. The House met.

The Governor communicated to Mr. Speaker, the following Message, viz. Post Meridiem.

## GENTLEMEN of the Lower House of ASSEMBLY,

TAVING this Afternoon received certain Information, That between Three and Four Hundred Men, many of them armed with Guns and Tomahawks, were affembled on Friday last at Frederick-Town, in Frederick County, and about to chuse Officers, intending to March hither in Companies, in Order (as they expressed themselves) to settle the Disputes betwixt the Two Houses of Assembly, in Relation to their Passing the Journal, and that such their Proceedings were supposed to be owing to Colonel Cresap's declaring, as he lately returned home through the County, That Nothing would be done unless the People did Coine down; and having been informed, that some of the Justices of this County, who reside near Elk-Ridge, have