

GENTLEMEN. of the LOWER HOUSE of ASSEMBLY,

BY a Letter I have lately received, from the Lords Commissioners for Trade and Plantations, I am required to prepare, and as soon as possible, transmit to them, in order to be laid before the House of Commons, a particular and exact Account of the several Manufactures, which have been set up, and carried on within this Province, since the Year 1734, and of the Public Encouragements which have been given thereto.

As you, Gentlemen, must, from the Circumstance of your residing in different Parts of the Province, and from your Acquaintance among the People, be able to give me the best Information, I hope you will readily do so, that I may, without Delay, comply with their Lordships Requisition.

December 3, 1766.

H O R . S H A R P E.

Which was Read the First Time, and Ordered to lie on the Table.

On Reading the Second Time, the Supplementary Bill to the Act, entitled, *An Act for Amending the Staple of Tobacco, &c.* The Question was put, That the following Clause be left out, viz. "And, whereas the Packing Tobacco, in bad Condition, or mixed with Trash of any Kind, for which it is refused by the Inspectors, until it is Picked over, and Re-prized, must depreciate such Tobacco greatly, and such Negligence ought to be much discouraged, and the Buyers of such picked Tobacco be apprised of its inferior Quality; *Be it therefore Enacted*, That it shall, and it is hereby declared to be the Duty of every Inspector, and they are hereby directed and required, to certify, on the Face of every Crop Note, or Receipt, that shall hereafter be by them, or any of them, given, for any such picked Tobacco, that the same has been picked." Resolved in the Affirmative.

For the A F F I R M A T I V E.

Messieurs	{	Buchanan,	E. Gantt,	Ware,	J. Hall, Balt.	Hall,
		Worthington,	Edmondson,	Hanson,	Malles,	Harris,
		Hammond,	Dent,	Henry,	Jacob,	Chapline,
		Mackall,	Smallwood,	Cockey Deye,	Tyler,	Smith.

For the N E G A T I V E.

Messrs.	{	Wolfenholme,	Ringgold,	Johnson,	Earle,	Chase,
		Sothoron,	Lloyd,	Grahame,	Hyland,	Wright,
		Key,	H. Hall,	Lee,	Murdock,	F. Gantt.

The House adjourns till II of the Clock.
 POST MERIDIEM. The House met.
 The following Message, viz.

By the LOWER HOUSE of ASSEMBLY, December 3, 1766.

May it please your H O N O U R S,

THIS House having heard, and fully considered the Allegations of *John Snye*, and *Daniel Barnett*, contained in their Petition, against the Relief of *Mayberry Helmes, junr.* of *Baltimore* County, that he had made over to, and otherwise deposited all, or most of his Estate, with his Father, in Trust, to defraud them, his Sureties, for a large Sum of Sterling Money; it appeared clearly, to the universal Satisfaction of this House, that they were only his Sureties, in a Bond for 600 l. the Consideration of a Cargo of Goods, which were divided among them, and that no Fraud whatever, has been committed, or designed by the said *Mayberry Helmes, junr.* or his Father, to injure the said *John Snye*, and *Daniel Barnett*, or any other of his Creditors. As he seems to this House an Object worthy of Relief, utterly unable ever to discharge his Debts, and wholly clear of all Fraud, we hope your Honours will agree to the Continuance of his Name in the Bill.

Nothing has yet occurred to this House, to deprive *John Doncastle*, of *Charles* County, of the Benefit intended him by the Bill. We therefore hope your Honours Concurrence with the Bill now returned to you, for that Purpose. Should sufficient Reasons still remain with your Honours, to induce you to refuse him his Liberty, those Reasons, when communicated to us, shall have their proper Weight.

Signed by Order,

M. MACNEMARA Cl. Lo. Ho.

Was sent to the Upper House, with the Prisoners Bill, by Mr. Earle, and Mr. Hanson.

On Motion, That a Message be sent in Answer to the Message from Upper House relative to the Bill, entitled, *An Act for Payment of the Public Claims, &c.*

ORDERED, That T. Johnson, J. Hammond, D. Wolfenholme, W. Murdock, J. Hall, T. Ringgold, Esqrs. do prepare and bring in a Message accordingly.

The Supplementary Bill for amending the Staple of Tobacco, &c. Was Read the Second Time, and will Pass; and was sent to the Upper House, by Mr. Grahame, and Mr. Buchanan.

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