

Original Journal. sent to the raising of mony upon the Inhabitants so likewise it is to levy the same when raised, therefore humbly pray the hon^{ble} Board would not press a matter so much intrenching upon the ancient Rights & priviledges of his Ma^{ty}s Subjects of this province.

Signd p Ord^r
W Bladen Clk: Assembly.

Sent by Major Dent Mr. Clarke Mr. Pollard & Mr. Hawkins Major Ennalls Major Thompson & Mr Ferry.

Major Dent and Mr Clarke Returne and say they have deliv^d their Message.

The hon^{ble} Colonel George Robotham Col: Charls Hutchins and Colonel John Addison came to this house from his Ex^{cy} the Governor and Councill and acquaint the house that his Ex^{cy} requires their Attendance imediately at the Councill Chamber whereupon the house adjourne for halfe an hour.

And go up to the Councill Chamber to attend his Ex^{cy} the Gov^r and carry with them all the Bills prepared this Sessions (except the Bill for assessing the Publique Levy.

p. 29 Where his Ex^{cy} was pleased to acquaint the house that he could not assent to or pass the Bill for laying & assessing of the publique Levy as proposed, and therefore recom^dended that the same might be layd by [the severall members] of the house who were Justices of [the Provinciall Court, Attorneys] &c who would be obliged [to attend the Court so] there would be the less Charge to the County. Also told] them he must be acquainted [with the laying thereof, for] that he would never assent to the [raising of money unless he] was informed to what end and pur[pose].

There[upon M^r Speaker and] the rest of the Members returne to [the house] where being met

The Bill for laying and assessing the publique Levy is read and therein it plainly appears to what use and purpose the tobacco therein mentioned to be levyed is to be applyd Viz^t To the defraying the necessary Charge of this province as hath been formerly used in this province.

And thereupon put to the Question if this house will recede from their former Methodes layd downe in the s^d Bill.

Resolved nemine contradicente not to recede.

And thereupon the following Message sent to his Ex^{cy} the Gov^r and Councill &c by Capt. Hill Mr Clarke Major Smithson Mr Hutchison Major Ennalls and Major Barton.

By the house of Burgesses May the 13th 1696.

This house have perused and considered of the Bill by us proposed for laying and assessing of the publique Levy of