

Original Journal. This Com^{ee} have Elected and made choice of Maj^r W^m Dent to be chairman of the s^d Com^{ee} and ordered that Richard Dallam be clarke thereof.

The said Com^{ee} adj^d till 2 a Clock in the afternoon to the Stad house.

This Committee mett according to adjournment.

Present.

Maj ^r W ^m Dent	}	CoH ^o Tho ^s Ennalls	}
Maj ^r Tho ^s Smith		M ^r Ken ^m Cheseldyne	
Coll. Wm. Holland		M ^r W ^m Harris	
M ^r W ^m Hutchison		CoH ^o Henry Lowe	
M ^r James Saunders			

Printed reason for the Conveniency of advancing money for the paym^t of Leavys read &c.

A paper wrighteing Entituled some modest observacōns on reasons offered to the Assembly why all County Leavys and pub. Leavys shall henceforw^d be paid in money and not in tob^o read.

This Committee haveing read and considered the reasons offered for paying all publick dues in money and some reasons offered ag^t it, both w^{ch} are herewith laid before and submitted to the house.

Upon the Consideration thereof the difficulty appears to us thus. That the wealthy parte of the province might comply with such a Law and that it might in a great measure advance Trade and introduce money alsoe yett in the meane-time the poorest pte of the people who cannot com^d it from places where it may be had will be more opprest then now because they will be under a necessity to purchase money from them th^t have it at w^t rates they will sell it w^{ch} difficulty we cannot advise to lay them under absolutely.

But because we would not have soe good a mocon totally rejected but endeavour to accomodate the matter to the ability as well of the poore as rich till time and experience shall ripen us for further Steps therein we humbly propose—

That if the Law may be qualified with a Liberty to those that cannot gett money by a certaine Limitation of time in each yeare to pay tob^o it might encourage those that could gett money to pay publick dues in it if they thought it advantageous to them and by that means draw more money in and then if the poor could with their moveables gett parte of it they might in time come into the same paym^t but in the meane time we would not enjoyne them to w^t at present appears impossible for them to pforme.