

U. H. J.

By the Lower House of Assembly  
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May It please your Honours

The Amendments proposed by your Honours to the Bill ascertaining the Gauge & Tare of Tob<sup>o</sup> hh<sup>ds</sup> &c. of the 6<sup>th</sup> Instant have been read & Considered & this House agrees to the six first proposed Amendments & also approves of the last Clause you propose in the s<sup>d</sup> intended Bill to disburthen  
 p. 281 the several Branches of the Revenue intended to be raised of any more than their separate proportions Save that in Regard to the Treasurers trouble in receiving paying & Accounting for the 3<sup>d</sup> for Arms &c. being not half what It is in other monys he receives for the publick's use It is the opinion of this House that two & an half p Cent is a sufficient Sallary for him out of the s<sup>d</sup> three pence. This House agrees that the Clerk of the Provincial & the Several County Clerks for the future shall once yearly Viz. the Clerk of the Provincial under the penalty of ten pounds Curr<sup>t</sup> mony & the County Clerks under the penalty of £5 Current mony Each make out an Account of all Alienations ready to be delivered the Agent of the Lord Proprietary when called for at the respective Offices. As to the part of the Right honble the Lord Propry & the Lord Guilford's Letter you were pleased to communicate to us We hope that the advancing the Additional Duty of 6<sup>d</sup> p hh<sup>d</sup> to my Lord Propry in full of his Land Rents & fines for Alienations removes the necessity of inserting in the intended Act the Clause in the first paragraph of that part of the said Letter that was laid before us recommended no Tob<sup>o</sup> Debts arising to the Lord Propry for the future on account of Rents or Alienations. And as to the second paragraph of the said Letter this House hopes your Honours being very sensible of  
 p. 282 the many Abuses committed by Masters of Ships or Vessels that take in Tob<sup>o</sup> on freight will concur that limitting the Time for returning proof of Abuses from Great Britain being formerly 7 years to 2 years will be Sufficient to Satisfy those Persons that are alarmed at that part of the said Law And that that Limitation will be an Encouragement to Persons to be bound for those who have not or shall not give room to be suspected of such Abuses as by the s<sup>d</sup> Law is designed to be prevented And as to the last paragraph intimating that there is nothing in the Law for raising the Several Imposts on Tob<sup>o</sup> giving power to the Masters of Vessels or Ships who before departure are obliged to pay the said Dutys to collect & receive the same from the Shippers & Owners

This House is of Opinion that the Consignee or Consignees of such Tob<sup>o</sup> is by the Bills of Loading usually given to pay