

Tobacco-maker for *Money*, for the Publick and County Levies and Parochial Charges, and for Tobacco for Officers and Lawyers Fees, cannot be in both Instances right; that when Men are liable to be called upon for what they have not, they must be under great Disadvantage in making a Contract to pay in what they have; that this Disadvantage is greatly increased by the Manner in which Men may be liable to be called upon for what they have not; and that this Disadvantage would lie with all its Weight on the poorer Planters, out of whose Effects or Persons the Tobacco must be extracted to the Emolument of the Officers and Lawyers.

The Lower House greatly regret the Loss of a most useful and beneficial Regulation of the Staple. They still console themselves with the Reflection, that nothing has been omitted on their Part to bring about an Agreement on just and reasonable Grounds. Your Proposal to adopt the Table of 1745, by which about 25 per Cent. would be added to the Secretary and Commissary General's Offices, and the other Offices much increased, convinces us that nothing can be now done: It is a Proposal indeed that could come from none but Officers themselves, and is unanimously rejected. There are no Hopes of Accomodation left; the Lower House therefore, to prevent any further Waste of Time, have instructed us to break up this Conference.

Which was read.

Mr. *Ward* brings in, and delivers to Mr. Speaker the following Report.

By the COMMITTEE appointed to enquire into the Facts set forth in the Petition of Mary Louttit, Executrix of James Louttit, of Cæcil County.

YOUR Committee, in Obedience to the Order of the honourable House, have enquired into the Facts in the said Petition, and find, that *James Louttit* died possessed of an Estate in Fee Simple, of, and in One Third Part of Thirty-seven and a Quarter Acres of Land, and a Grist-Mill thereon, as appears to us by an attested Copy of a Deed, dated the First Day of April Seventeen Hundred and Sixty: That the said *James*, as appears by the Deposition of Mr. *Sidney George*, had some Time before his Death intended to dispose of his Third Part of the said Land and Mill: That near the Time of his Death he was reminded of his Intention by Mr. *George*, and said he would by all Means have it sold, but that his Executrix could do that without its being mentioned in the Will, and very soon after died.

And your Committee further find, that the Balance of the said *Louttit's* Estate, by an Account passed by his Executrix, the 28th Day of June 1769, appears to have then been 1368 : 9 1/4 Gold Currency, and that there was a Judgment rendered against the said Executrix in September Term 1771 for £. 2000 Sterling Penalty, and Five Hundred Pounds of Tobacco Cost of Suit, as by attested Copies of the Record of the Commissary's Office and Provincial Court may appear: On which Penalty there appears to be due and properly chargeable against the Estate, for Principal and Interest, more than the Balance of the personal Estate.

All which is submitted to the Consideration of the honourable House.

Signed per Order,

JOHN C. JONES, Cl. Com.

Which was read.

The House adjourns till To-morrow Morning 9 o'Clock.

SATURDAY, November 23d, 1771.

The House met. All Members present as on Yesterday, The Proceedings of Yesterday were read.

Mr. *Ward* and Mr. *Buchanan* have Leave of Absence.

The engrossed Address brought in Yesterday by Mr. *Paca* was signed by Order of the House by the honourable Speaker.

ORDERED, That Mr. *N. Thomas* and Mr. *Weems* do acquaint the Governor, that this House hath prepared an Address to be presented to him, and desires to know when and where he will please to receive it.

They return, and acquaint Mr. Speaker, that the Governor signified he would receive the Address between Eleven and Twelve o'Clock in the Lobby of the Upper House.

ORDERED, That the said Address be presented to the Governor by Mr. Speaker, attended by the whole House, except the Three Gentlemen who voted against it.

Mr. Speaker, with the Gentlemen who attended him, returns, and reports to the House that he delivered the Address to his Excellency.

The engrossed Bills N^o. 31, 32, 33, were severally read and assented to, and sent to the Upper House with the Paper Bills thereof by Mr. *Beall* and Mr. *Contes*.

The Report brought in Yesterday by Mr. *Ward* was read a Second Time.

And the Petition of *Mary Louttit* was read and granted; and Leave given to the Petitioner to bring in a Bill pursuant to the Prayer of the said Petition.

Daniel Dulany, Esq; from the Upper House, delivers to Mr. Speaker the Paper Bills N^o. 31, 32, 33, severally endorsed: "By the Upper House of Assembly, November 23d, 1771: The engrossed Bill, whereof this is the Original, read and assented to.

Signed by Order,

U. SCOTT, Cl. Up. Ho."

The engrossed Bills N^o. 34, 35, were severally read and assented to, and sent to the Upper House with the Paper Bills thereof by Mr. *Chase* and Mr. *Wootton*.

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