

Friday Morning June 27, 1746

L. H. J.  
Liber No. 46  
June 27

The House met according to adjournment, and the Proceedings of Yesterday were read

M<sup>r</sup> Philip Hammond delivers M<sup>r</sup> Speaker the following Report, Viz.

We the subscribers having with others, been, by orders of the Honourable the House of Delegates, intrusted with the Receipt of Money from sundry Gentlemen, and transmitting and receiving Papers and Letters relating to the Grievances complained of by the Province, and not redressed by the Lord Proprietary, and in Particular as to the Twelve Pence per Hogshead on all Tobacco exported taken by his Lordship, leave to Acquaint you, that by a Letter from Ferd<sup>o</sup> John Paris Esq<sup>r</sup> the Agent employed for the Country on that occasion, we have been advised, that on that Head of Complaint, he had finished his Brief, and that it was clear that his Lordship was not entitled to the said Twelve Pence per Hogshead by the Act of 1704, or any other Law

The said Gentleman complained of Delays occasioned here by the refusal of Copies of Records, which Could not be remedied by us, or those appointed by the House, having always Transmitted such as soon as we could procure them from the Government here : nor have we been able to procure the Annual Amount of the 14<sup>d</sup> per Tun, or to have the Amount of the 12<sup>d</sup> per Hogshead duly Authenticated, as by M<sup>r</sup> Paris we were directed whether our not hearing of late from the aforesaid Gentleman be due to miscarriage of Ships or Letters, or that he conceives himself not adequately rewarded for his Trouble in the service of the Country or what other Cause we are at a Loss to know : But we humbly conceive, that without a Public Fund be established for defraying the Expence of Procuring Iustice to the People of Maryland in the Points complained of, that great and desired End will not be attained, and in order to Satisfy this Honourable House, and our Constituents, And to free ourselves from an unjust aspersion not long since cast upon us we take Care to annex hereto An Account of the Money received by us for the Purpose aforesaid the Ballance whereof is ready to be applied to such Service, and what Time your Honourable House shall think proper. p. 595

All which is humbly referred to the Consideration of the Ho<sup>n</sup>ble House by

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