

L. H. J. where they have arisen or shall arise, Indorsed By the Upper House
Liber No. 46 of Assembly July 1. 1746. Read the second Time, and will not pass

Signed p Order J. Ross Ct. Up. Ho.

p. 602 George Plater Esqr from the Upper House, delivers Mr Speaker the Bill entituled An Act for raising Four Pence Sterling per Hogshead on all Tobacco to be exported for purchasing arms and Ammunition and for immediate Supply of arms for the Defence of this Province, Indorsed (See page 296.)

Which Amendments being read, Resolved that this House will not Agree thereto and ordered, that the said Bill be entered on the Journal, And it is as follows. An Act for raising Four pence sterling per Hogshead on all Tobacco to be exported for purchasing Arms and Ammunition: And for an immediate supply of Arms for the Defence of this Province. Whereas in these Times of real danger it is highly prudent to provide for the common safety and Defence of the Province by making the best Provision we are able for a suitable supply of Arms and Ammunition; and for that it is the more necessary at present as the General Assembly now sitting, in order to forward the Execution of his Majesty's Royal Intention in the Reduction of Canada, have chearfully Enacted that a part of those Arms already provided should be distributed among such of his Majesty's Forces as may be raised within this Province—such Arms not being otherways to be procured or purchased within the same. We his Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects the Delegates of the Freemen of Maryland in Assembly convened therefore humbly pray that it may be enacted.

And be it Enacted by the Right Hoñble the Lord Proprietary by and with the Advice and Consent of his Lordship's Governor and the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly and the Authority of the same That there shall be levied collected and raised A Duty or Impost of Four pence Sterling money on every Hogshead of Tobacco which now is and hereafter shall be laden on Board any Ship or Vessel to be exported out of this Province and not cleared at some Naval office before the End of this present Session of Assembly to be collected and received by the respective Naval officers in the same manner as other Duties on all Tobacco now due and payable are collected and raised which said Duty shall from Time to Time by the Naval officers aforesaid be paid to the Honourable Col. Edward Sprigg.

And be it further enacted by the Authority advice and Consent aforesaid that the same Col. Edward Sprigg shall with the Money which he shall so receive by Virtue of this Act send for and purchase for the use and Defence of this province such Arms and Ammunition and other warlike Stores as his Excellency his Lordship's present Governor with the advice of his Lordship's Council of State or his Lordship's Governor or Commander in Chief for the Time being with the advice aforesaid shall direct and Appoint