Province, or their Property and Effects; and that the laying, imposing, levying, or collecting any Tax, on, or from the Inhabitants of *Maryland*, under Colour of any other Authority, is unconstitutional, and a direct Violation of the Rights of the Freemen of this Province.

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

May 31, 1768.

MARYLAND, ss. } *AT a* COMMITTEE *of both Houses of Assembly, appointed to inspect the Office and Proceedings of the late Commissioners for paying off the Public Claims, and emitting Bills of Credit, established by Act of Assembly,*

WERE PRESENT,

The Honourable { BENEDICT CALVERT, Esq; and WALTER DULANY, Esq; } of the Upper House.

Mr. CHARLES GRAHAME,
Mr. HENRY STEELE,
Mr. JOSIAS BEALL, Jun.
Mr. JOHN HANSON, Jun.
Mr. JAMES DICKINSON,
Mr. THOMAS RINGGOLD,
Mr. BRICE T. B. WORTHINGTON,
Mr. ROBERT TYLER,
Mr. JOHN EDEN; and,
Mr. ROBERT BUCHANAN, } of the Lower House.

Who make Choice of, and appoint the Honourable BENEDICT CALVERT, *Esq; Chairman, and* James Brooks, *their Clerk, and agree to make the following Report,* viz.

YOUR Committee find, That by an Act, from the Trustees in *London*, dated the 21st *May*, 1767, that there was then 31,000 *l.* Capital-Stock in the Bank of *England*, belonging to the Province, which cost 39,179 *l.* 17 *s.* 6 *d.* and a Balance of 1235 *l.* 4 *s.* 4 *d.* not invested.

That of the Bills drawn by the late Commissioners, there were then unpaid, Four Bills, amounting to 688 *l.* 12 *s.* 3 *d.* which had not been presented: That all the Bills, remitted by the said Commissioners, have, since last Session, been received, and passed to the Credit of the Province, excepting one Bill of 250 *l.* which was protested; and which the Commissioners, for the Payment of the Public Claims, have received, and remitted to the Trustees in *London*, amounting, with Damages, to 287 *l.* 19 *s.* 6 *d.*

Your Committee have examined the State of the Iron Chests, and find the Accounts stand as follows, *viz.*

IRON CHESTS.	Dr.			CONTRA.	Cr.		
To Balance *per* Report of the Committee, *November* Sessions, 1766,	10	5	2	By Cash for Stationary, 25 *l.* Sterling, *James Anderson* on *William Anderson*, - - - - - - -	32	10	0
To Cash received of Col. *Thomas Prather*, for Land Tax, - - -	33	14	0	By Cash paid the Commissioners, 5 *per Cent.* Commission on sundry Debts collected by them, - -	23	9	6
To Cash received from *George Scott*, Sheriff of *Prince-George's* County, in Part of *Robert Riddle's* Bond,	16	10	4	By Cash for Two Bills of Exchange, 30 *l.* Sterling, remitted to the Trustees, - - - - -	39	15	10
To Cash received from *Littleton Dennis*, for *Nathaniel Whitaker's* Bond, and Costs, - - - -	35	5	10				
£.	95	15	4	£.	95	15	4

Your Committee further report, That the Amount of Journal, and List of Debts, as they past last Session, was 5,623,499¾ Pounds of Tobacco, and £. 19,840 : 1 : 2¼. That the Commissioners have discovered sundry Errors therein, by wrong Additions, which we have carefully examined, and find the true Debt against the Province, on the Journal, and List of Debts, to be 5,841,83¾ Pounds of Tobacco, and £. 19,998 : 0 : 0½ which amounts to 150,679 Dollars.

Your Committee have spent some Time in examining the Accounts and Proceedings of the Commissioners, and find, that they have paid to sundry Claimants, Bills of Credit, to the Amount of 145,808 Dollars, the Accounts of which we have examined up to the 5th of *March*, 1767, when the Sum of 98,511 Dollars, and One Half of a Dollar, and Two Ninths of a Dollar, was paid away, and proper Vouchers and Receipts appear therefor; and the Books appear to your Committee, as far as they have examined them, to be fairly and regularly kept; but the Number of the Payments have rendered it impossible for your Committee to go through the whole Examination this Session.

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