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Your Committee gave their Reasons in their Report last Session (to which they begg leave to refer this Honourable House) why the Money in Iron Chest No 1. was not then counted, which they thought it their Duty to do, and as the act is now near expiring, Your Committee thought it more peculiarly necessary at this time to count the said Money, that they might give the fullest Report in their power of the State of the Office, and accordingly applyed to Doct Stewart to have liberty to count the Money, and had for Answer, That the Commissioners did begin Some last Session, to sort and prepare the Money for counting, and when they had sorted about £4,000, Coll Hammond was taken sick, and had not been able to attend Since, and that a great part of said Money was deposited in the Iron Chest No 1. before Mr Buller came into the Office, he did not choose to proceed upon the counting of the Same untill Coll Hammond could be present. Your Committee hereupon directed their Clerk to write to Coll Hammond, desiring to know if he could attend on this occasion, and received for Answer the following Letter. Viz.

To the Gentlemen Committee of the Paper Office, Nov.r 9. 1763.

Gentlemen

I do assure you that I am not able to attend you, nor to go out of my House with safety, No Man never gave better attendance than I have done for these many Years, but now am prevented by a long Sickness that still continues, with constant fevers.

I am Your humble Servant

C Hammond.

Your Committee finds the balance of £606. 14. 6. is still due to the Office for Money taken out of it, by the Act for Encouragement of able bodied Seamen Voluntarily inlisting into his Majesty's Service for the expedition against Cuba, which was to have been replaced by publick Assessment.

Your Committee also finds that there is now due on Bond and Mortgage for Principal Money the Sum of £. 6075. 16. 0½ and for the Interest due thereon to the end of the last Year of the several Bonds the Sum of £.1017. 14. 11½.

Your Committee find that there is still due on the Act for Encouragement of Some Gentlemen passed in Septem.r 1756. from

William Hodges late Sheriff of Cecil County	£. 10. 10. 0
& John Kendall late Sheriff of Charles County	17. 10. 0.

And that the following Sums reported last Session to be due from the Sundry Sheriffs in Ordinary Licences are still unpaid. Viz

John Kirkwood late Sheriff of Baltimore County		£. 121. 10. 0
Henry Magee late Sheriff of D° County		26. 2. 6
Thomas Rhodes late Sheriff of D° County		24. 5. 6.
John Lincoln late Sheriff of Cecil County		49. 0. 4
John Parran late Sheriff of Calvert County		11. 17. 6
Osborne Sharp late Sheriff of Prince George County		131. 16. 5½
Walter Hanson late Sheriff of Charles County		23. 15. 0.
William Medcalf late Sheriff of Prince George County	£59. 19. 4½.	
Dito for five Ordinary Licences charged by Mistake to John Cole as of the following Remark. Commission deducted.	11. 17. 6.	71. 16. 10½