

*Weathered of Cumberland*, for License Money long since collected by him.

That it appears from the Accounts of *George Cotton*, Esq; Collector of the Duties of Impost and Excise at *Louisbourg*, to *February*, 1768, that there has been collected by him the Sum of £201. 7. of which there has been paid into the Treasury only £90. which with the Charge of £40. for Commissions, and £40. for Waiters and Gaugers, and £19. 0. 6½. for other Expences, such as Court House, Goal, &c. leaves a Ballance due by him to the Government of £12. 6. 5½. that there is also due by fundry Persons at *Louisbourg* for Duties, the Sum of £89. 16. 10. and that no Account of Duties, &c. collected at *Louisbourg* has been rendered since *February*, 1768.

That very little Benefit has arisen to Government from the Collectors of Impost and Excise Duties at *Canso*, *Louisbourg*, *Barrington*, *Yarmouth*, and *Liverpool*; and therefore this House requests His Excellency will be pleased to give Directions that the several Sums abovementioned, and all other outstanding Debts be paid, and that Measures may be taken for the more effectual collecting and paying into the Treasury the Duties which may arise at those Places.

That the House do also further request His Excellency will be pleased to put the several Collectors at the Outports on the same Footing in respect to their Allowance for collecting the Duties, and not allow any of them Salaries.

That the House is informed there is not at present any Collector at *Liverpool*, and that they conceive such an Officer to be very necessary there ;

And that the House do humbly request His Excellency will please to give Directions to the Treasurer to keep a separate Account of every Fund, and not blend them together. and that all the publick Accounts may be made up to the 1st of *July* annually, for the better  
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