

By the Councill in Assembly Sept^r 28 1704

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The Message this day About Setling the fees due for private bills And transcribing the laws of the last and this p^rsent Sessions has been Considerd by this board And as to the first proposall for cobby's of. the laws of the last Sessions Which should then haue been setled Wee cannot thinke A less reward due therefore then what has been Usual that is to say 1000^l tobacco p Cobby as may appear by the County leavys these three or four years last past

That as to the coppys of this p^rsent Session's Wee cannot beleive Any persons Will Undertake to doe them Well for less then Two thousand five hundr'd p cobby they being so many Therefore desire so much may be Allowd to the keeper of the Great Seale to Enable him to gett them Speedily transcribed As Well to be sent to England As to the County Courts.

3^d As for the private bills it being as Absolutely necessary than Sealed Coppys thereof be sent for England as of other publiq laws Wee desire you to explaine whither you meant the keeper of the Great Seale should take 120^l tob for the orriginall law And the same for each cobby or but 120^l tob in All which is conceivd Unreasonably less then formerly was Allways Allowd to witt 480^l tob for A Pattent of Denization.

Wee further observe to you that upon private bills You haue not taken notice of Any fees to the Clerk of this board Who has As great A burthen of the business of this Assembly as Any other Clerk. Signd p order W^m Bladen Cl Co.

Which being read in the house and debated Its proposd Whither the cobby of Each body of laws for this Sessions of Assembly be Vallued & paid by the publiq And Countys At the rate of 2000 or 1500^l tob.

Put to the Question Whither 2000 or 1500.

Carryd by Majority of Votes that Each cobby of the body of laws made this Sessions be Vallued at 2000^l tob

But this house do insist possitively upon 400^l tob for the laws made last Sessions.

And Resolv'd the severall Coppys for the Co^{ty}s And them to be sent for England be paid for Accordingly.

As to that Clause relating to the Clerk of the Councill for Allowance of fees on private bills

Read and debated.

And resolvd that forasmuch as this house cannot find any p^rsident heretofore for the same Therefore thought fitt to give no Allowance.

Upon which orderd the following Message be sent up to the Councill Viz^t.