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The Committee of Aggrievances reported that the Lord Baltimore's Agents do exact four hund^d and Eighty pounds of Tob^o for every hundred Acres and Refuse to give Patents for the Land till the Purchase mony be payed

Thereupon it was ordered that M^r Charles Carrol one of his Ldships Agents have notice to attend this House to shew by what Authority he requires the Same. And accordingly he appeared this morning and said he had such Instructions from the Lord Baltimore that he gave publick Notice thereof and he produced and gave in a Copy of such publick notice and says the reason why his Ldship requires two hund^d and forty pounds of Tob^o more than usual was because one half of the fees due to his Lordship's officers on such Warrants and grants was taken from them and given to her Majest^{ies} Secretary but that if it may be thought fit to restore the Land records and the Fees to his Ldships Officers that additional two hund^d and forty pounds of Tob^o shall be immediatly taken of and no more required for the same and that the said Records shall be put into such Persons hands to keep as shall be from time to time approved on by his Ex^{cy} the Governour and Assembly and an oath & good security given for the faithful and careful keeping of them upon Consideration whereof It appears a great aggrievance to the good People of this Province and discouragement to the People of it to pay double price for their Land and almost double Fees for their Patents and since it is proposed to be remedied and Sufficient Caution be given for Safe keeping the Records we humbly pray your Honours that a Conference may be had on this Subject and the Persons now Joyned in Conference upon the Business of New York may be Charged with this when the other is dispatched

Signed p Order W Taylard Cl Ho Del.

The said Gentlemen also bring up a bill for confirming to the Govern^r of this Province the antient Duty of three pence p Tonn on the Burthen of Ships and Vessels.

A Bill for Confirming the Proceedings of the several Courts from the Death of his Ex^{cy} Lionel Copley Esq^r late Governour of this Province until the Arrival of his present Ex^{cy} Governour Seymour.

Ordered that the said Bills lye on the Table to be read to morrow morning.

The Board adjourns to nine of the Clock to morrow morn^s