

By the Council in Assembly Sep^r 28th 1704.

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The Message this day about settling the Fees due for private bills and transcribing the Laws of the last and this present Sessions has been read and Considered by this Board and as to the first Proposal for Copys of the Laws for last Sessions which should then have been Settled we cannot Think a less reward due therefore than what has been usual that is to say one thousand p^{ds} of Tob^o p Copy as may appear by the County Levys this three or four years last past

That as to the Copys of this present Sessions we Cannot believe any Person will undertake to do them well for less than 2500 lb Tob^o p Copy They being so many

Therefore desire so much may be allowed to the Keeper of the Great Seal to Enable him to get them Speedily transcribed as well to be Sent for England as to the County Courts

Thirdly as to the private Bills it being as absolutely necessary that the Sealed Copy thereof be sent to England as of other publick Laws we desire you will Explain whether you meant the Keeper of the great Seal should take one hund^d and twenty pounds of Tob^o for the original Law and the same for each Copy or but one hundred and twenty pounds of Tob^o for all which is conceived unreasonably less than formerly was allowed to wit four hundred and Eighty pounds of Tob^o for patent of Denization

We further observe to you that upon private Bills you have not taken any notice of any Fees to the Clerk of this Board who has as great Burthen of the Business of this Assembly as any other Clerk
Signed p order W Bladen Cl Coun.

M^r Greenfield Col Peirce & Cap^t Watts bring up a Bill for better Administration of Justice in probate of Wills &c which being read the first and second Time is sent to the House by Col Hammond and M^r Sanders

Col Smallwood Col Peirce and M^r Watts bring from the House the following message

By the House of Delegates Sep^r 28th 1704.

We have Considered the last message by Kenelm Cheseldyne and William Coursey Esq^r of this Day for settling of Fees on private Laws and transcribing the Body of the Laws and as to those of this Sessions we have by Examining Committee of Laws found they will be of greater Length than what we at first believed, and therefore are Willing to allow two thousand pounds of Tobacco for Every Copy and that is