

By the Council in Assembly Octobr 3^d 1704

Original
Journal.

Your Message about the present regulating of Surveyors Fees is agreed to by this Board rather than Delay the Sessions
Signed p order W Bladen Cl Council

The Bill for officers Fees being assented to is returned to the House by Esq^r Tench

The following Messages sent to the House by Col^t Hammond and Col^t Lloyd with the Journal of the Committee of Accounts by the Council &c.

The Message by Col^t Smith and others with your Journal of the Committee of Accounts to which is Subscribed your Conditional Assent has been perused and Considered by this Board Whereupon we are sorry to find the little notice you take of what his Ex^{cy} was pleased so generously and frankly to tell you the other day that he would make no Bargaines desired not your Bounty but required your Justice wherefore if you think at ten shill p Cent We hereby let you know that we are not for any Allowance this Sessions to be made in mony but are Inclivable to advise his Excellency that the mony now in Bank be reserved for the Country's Service in greater Emergenc^{ies}. You are not willing to foresee your Allowance out of the three pence p hh^d for Arms of particular Sums is not within your province therefore ought to be Expunged

Signed p order W Bladen Cl Coun.

Which was answered by M^r Coursey and four other members thus.

By the House of Delegates 8^{ber} 2^d 1704

We have read and debated your Honour's Message and are sorry you are pleased to be so Tart upon us for doing what we Conceive to be our Duty to our Country and it is our rights and Priviledges we humbly suppose to debate and Consider of any publick tax to be laid upon the People as this of Sealing the Laws and Duplicates and we hope we have proposed it with all the Tenderness and Justice that can be reasonably Expected and with all due Submission to his Ex^{cy} and your Honours we cannot depart from it Therefore if your Honours are not pleased to joyne with us in apportioning the mony to help to lessen the Levy according to the Tenour of the Laws at the price first proposed to us and agreed to we Cannot help it and our Country Cannot impute it to us if you please to send the Journal We will regulate it in Tob^o as soon as we can and lay it before your Honours if