

By the Council in Assembly 3^d December 1708.

L. H. J.

The Report from the Conference being read at the Board we join with the House that her Majesty be addressed as proposed and that till her Pleasure be known an Ordinance of Assembly be made to ascertain the Gauge of Tobacco Casks, impose the Fines on the Coopers and Masters of Ships and permit the Masters to put unsizeable Hogsheads on Shore but cannot agree to an Act of Assembly being contrary to her Majesty's positive Orders. And as to the Bill against Divulgers of false News we shall not further insist thereon at present and think it reasonable you should give your Answer to S^r Thomas Lawrence's Complaint and address her Majesty therein. But seeing her Majesty has laid her Commands on his Excellency to propose a Law to you for settling those Fines on the Secretary we cannot consent to any Law whereby they be otherwise applied till her Majesty is pleased to give Leave therefor
Signed p Order W Bladen Cl. Co.

M^r Matthew Mason's Petition to confirm a Lease made to him by Robert Smith Esq^r read and Leave given to bring in a Bill next Session of Assembly as prayed.

Major General Lloyd, Col^o William Coursey, Samuel Young ^{p. 171} and Thomas Greenfield Esq^{rs} Members of her Majesty's Honble Council enter the House and deliver M^r Speaker the Scheme or Estimate of the Charge of the late Provincial Court and Itinerant Justices as follow.

By his Excellency the Governor and Council in Assembly
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Gentlemen, Pursuant to your Request his Excellency has ordered a Calculation to be made of the Charge of the late Provincial Court which is a followeth Viz^t

To 13 Provincial Justices at 140 lb Tob ^o p Diem	}	lb Tob ^o
24 Court Days being two Courts in a Year.		
To six Boats for the Eastern Shore Justices	}	8.400
2 Courts		
To the Itinerant Charges of 13 Justices 6 Days	}	25.740
each Court going and coming Viz. 124 at 80 p Diem		
Two Grand Juries.		6.000
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And inasmuch as the new Method of holding the Provincial Courts and the Judges going the Circuits is known to be of