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Read in Council & will pass with the following Amendments instead of above one hundred pounds Sterl or 30000 of Tob^o it be expressed 20 lb Sterl or 5000 ¹ tob^o but above 200 tob^o or sixteen shillings & Eight pence Currency And adding the Words and give Judgm^t for the just Ballance with Costs of Suit And then sent to the Delegates by the Honble Col Lloyd Col Holland Col Coursey L^t Col Young & Col Whittington.

The Bill for Limitation of Officers Fees read at the Board. And being debated Tis thought if this Bill should pass & the Officers Fees be reduced as thereby is proposed It will not only discourage men of good Learning Integrity and parts to accept of some of the inferiour Offices therein mentioned but also lessen and debase the State & Dignity of the superiour officers who in their several Stations are most useful in this Province either in the Administring of Justice or Execution thereof And ought to be handsomely supported according to their Several Characters not only for the sake of their own meritt and Capacity but the Honour of the Government itself whereof they are the immediate ministers

Therefore this Board cannot agree to the Bill but desire the former Law may be revived with the explanatory Act thereto, His Excellency the Governour and this Board inclining not only to Support and Encourage such Officers as diligently and faithfully discharge their Dutys but likewise to suppress & punish those that are any ways guilty of Bribery, Extortion, p. 922 Negligence or any other unfaithful Misdemeanours in the Execution of the Several Offices & Trusts reposed in them according to the utmost severity of the Law

Which being prepared by way of Message was sent to the House by Col Coursey Col Whittington & Cap^t Dorsey

The Board adjourned till Nine of the Clock to morrow morning

Thursday July the first 1714

The Honble her Majesty's Council in Assembly Sate Present as yesterday

Col Macall and seven more bring up the Bill for reviving and continuing the Act for ordering & regulating the militia Endorsed

Read the first & second Times by especial order and will pass

Which being read at this Board resolved It do pass and being so Endorsed was sent to the House by Col Addison and Col Tilghman