

By the Council in Assembly  
July the 2<sup>d</sup> 1714

U. H. J.  
P. 933

We do own that the Multiplying of Messages tends very much to the Delay of Business. We are sorry We have any Occasion thereof which would have been prevented had you taken Notice of the Recommendation sent you in favour of the Attornys practising in the County Courts immediately after the Amendments to the Bill proposed and even before they were debated in your House.

The merchants in England may justly complain that for want of due Encouragement given such Attornys they cannot find fit persons to prosecute their Actions in such Courts wherefore we must insist upon the Clause recommended to be added which is the only delay given to the Bill

Signed p Order W Bladen Cl Coun.

Sent by Col Coursey & Col Greenfield

The Bill reviving the Act of Assembly of this province Entituled an Act for Limitation of Officers fees and for supplying some defects therein being read & debated It is remarked that the Explanatory Bill thereto is omitted to be revived

It is thought the Fee proposed to the Sherriff for keeping a Prisoner twenty four hours in Custody is too little therefore It is recommended that the Sherriff be allowed 20<sup>th</sup> tob<sup>o</sup> p day for the first month & 10<sup>th</sup> a day after And that the Sherriff may have fees from Convict Criminals, but that no such Sherriffs Fees be charged to the Countys

Recommended that the Fees likewise to be allowed the Clerk of the Council in Assembly by this Board on private Bills be also on Execution with the Clerk of your House p. 934

The penalty of six thousand pounds of tobacco is thought sufficient to deter any Officer from Extorting & the Disabling them from Executing their Offices for three years is a Snare any honest Officer may happen even by the Inadvertance of a Clerk to fall into Wherefore we desire the s<sup>d</sup> Amendments may be made to the Bill which being so Endorsed was sent to the Delegates by L<sup>t</sup> Col Young & Col Addison.

M<sup>r</sup> Stoddert & five more Delegates brought up a Bill for laying 3<sup>d</sup> p hh<sup>d</sup> on Tob<sup>o</sup> for defraying the publick Charge

Read & Assented to by their House Which was read and assented to by this Board and sent to the Delegates by Col Holland & M<sup>r</sup> Lloyd

The s<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Stoddert & other five Delegates brought up the following message