

L. H. J. Col^o Coursey, Col^o Whittington and John Dorsey Esq^r
 Lib. 41 from the Hoⁿble the Council enter the House and deliver M^r
 Speaker the Bill for Limitation of Officers Fees with the fol-
 lowing Endorsement Viz.

By the Council in Assembly
 June the 30th 1714

This Bill being read and debated at the Board it is thought if it should pass and the Officers Fees be reduced as is thereby proposed it will not only discourage Men of good Learning Integrity and Parts to accept of some of the inferior Offices therein mentioned but also lessen and debase the State and Dignity of the superior 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 Merit and Capacities but for 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 Excy the Governor and this Board inclining not only to encourage and support such Officers as diligently and faithfully discharge their Duty but likewise to punish and suppress those that are any way guilty of Bribery, Extortion, Negligence or any other unfaithful Misdemeanors in the Execution of the several Offices and Trusts reposed in them according to the utmost Severity of the Law.

Signed p Order W Bladen Cl. Con.

Which Bill is sent back to the Hoⁿble Council by M^r Tyler, M^r Garrett, M^r Stoddart Capt. Colegate, Capt. Ennalls and Major Woolford with the following Endorsement Viz.

By the House of Delegates
 July 1st 1714.

If your Honours will peruse the Journal of Assembly held in 1709 you will find therein that your Honours were pleased to promise readily to join with us in regulating the Officers Fees on the Arrival of a Capt. Gen^l The Fees in many Particulars are exorbitant and tend to the Oppression of the People. We are humbly of Opinion that the Fees as in this Bill limited considering the Multiplicity of Business are sufficient decently to support as well Judicial as Ministerial Officers therefore pray this Bill may pass

Signed p Order Tho. Macnemara Cl. Ho. Del.