

It was no fault in this House They having obeyed those that U. H. J.
then took upon them the Governm^t and we cannot but believe
your Honours have certified her Majesty the Reason why the
Acts passed under that Stile being induced thereto by her
Majesty's not disapproving as well those made Anno 1710 as
those made Anno 1709 And we also remember the Interest
made against this Bill more than any other at the Time of
passing it & the Confidence some Gentlemen then had of
having it returned disallowed of in a little Time all which we p. 750
see Vanished in its continuing the Time It was made for

Your Honours are not unsensible we Conceded to your
Requests to revive the Act for Officers Fees 'till after the
Arrival of a Cap^t Gen^l not being willing to enter into long
Debates about it

If this Bill curtailes the Jurisdiction of the Courts we think
that objection may be easily obviated considering the great
Oppression her Majesty's poor Subjects labour under by the
unreasonableness of their Attendance on the Provincial Courts
& the Great Fees that are there taken

We believe the Honble President hath now as full Instruc-
tions as any Cap^t Gen^l can expect to pass any Bill of absolute
necessity being invested with a negative Voice And if your
Honours will assert your own Authority and the dignity of
your Board to remove this and other great Grievances we
have to lay before you It will be no breach but a performance
of your Duty to her Majesty a real & not feigned Intent &
desire to serve the Country in which you have a great Interest
& more reputation than so nicely to insist on & deny any
thing that tends to ease the Inhabitants of this Province when
the same interferes with the Interest of some particular
Persons

But if your Honours think it more necessary & will consent
that a new Bill may be passed to remedy those Aggrievances
(tho under some other Title) we shall readily concur with you
therein If not we desire we may be certified thereof that we p. 751
may not stay here to no purpose & spend our own Time to
no purpose & the Country's money we being resolved to
proceed in no other matter until we know your Resolution
therein The business of this House being as well to Ease the
Inhabitants of their grievous and unmerciful oppressours as
to raise a Supply to defray the Charge of the Country

Signed p Order R Dallam Cl Ho Del.

The Gentlemen of this Board appointed on the Conference
Enter the Council Chamber & bring in their Reports Viz.