

U. H. J. Court to be Admitted by the s^d Court, and sent to the Dele-
p. 86 gates by the honble Col Coursey

Major Philips and Cap^t Ballard brought up a Bill for order-
ing and regulating the Militia of this Province for the better
Security and Defence thereof

And a Bill for the Appointment of Constables and what
relates to their office and ascertaining what Persons are
Taxables

Read in their House the first & Second times by especial
Order & Endorsed will pass

The Bill for regulating the militia being read at the Board
the first Time It was recommended to the House that there
shall be a Reasonable Fine imposed on such Persons who
refuse to Act as officers and accept Commissions from the
Governour of this Province or Commander in Chief for the
Time being to be applyed to the use of the Militia of the
County And that any Commissioned officer that shall refuse
or neglect to appear at any muster or Training unless his
lawful Excuse be admitted by the Field officers shall be fined
five hundred pounds of Tob^o to the use of the Militia And
that an Account of all Fines imposed by this law be yearly
transmitted to the Governour & Council for Inspection on
penalty of five hundred pounds of Tob^o on the Major to be
applied to the use of the Militia

And the Act for appointment of Constables &c Read the
first and Second times was Endorsed will pass with the
Amendments Viz

That the Constables Fee for serving Warrants in Cases of
small Debts be thirty pounds of Tobacco or half a Crown

Sent by Col Greenfield

p. 87 His Excellency observing that the Delegates had returned
no answer to the Royal Instruction Article 21st and message
by Col Lloyd and Col Ennalls on this day seven night sent to
their House wrote to the Speaker of that House as followeth
Viz

Council Chamber 23^d May 1715

M^r Speaker

I sent down a Royal Instruction to the House of Delegates
on the 16th of this Instant May by Col Lloyd & Col Ennalls
to which no answer has been returned I desire you will offer
it to the Consideration of the House whither three members
returned for each County to serve in the assembly will not
answer the End proposed by the said Instruction Sent by the
honble Col Addison

John Hart