

Col John Ward with two others from the lower house with a U. H. J. Supplementary Act to the Act for Limitacōn of Officers Fees passed by that house

Which being Read here is sent to the Lower house wth the foll^o Endorsement. Viz

By the Upper House of Assembly

June 6th 1717

Read the first Time and will pass with the amendment proposed Viz. The Officer to loose such fees if Expressed in Words cutt off or Abbreviated And if any the publick Officers of this Province having made out his fees in words abbreviated Contrary to the true Intent & meaning of this Act that then such Officer Insisting on the levying of such fees as a^d shall be fined five hundred pounds of Tobacco.

And Whereas Complaint has been made to his Excellency p. 52 by his Maj^{ty}s Comissioners of the Customes in Great Brittain of the fees taken by the Naval Officers & Collectors in this Pvince. this board has proceeded to settle the Collectors fees as by the list herewith sent appears (to which His Maj^{ty}s Surveyor Generall being present gave his Approbation as being Just & Reasonable, Also the Naval Officers fees being settled by this house as by the list likewise sent, which are both recommended you to be added to this Act

Signed p Order Jn^o Beard Cl up ho.

Sent p M^r Henry Lowe Who returns & Says he D^d it.

Col Hynson & two others with a Bill for laying an Additional duty of twenty Shillings Curr^t mony p poll on Irish Servants being Papists to prevent the growth of Popery by the Importation of too great a number of them into this Pvince. And also An Additionall duty of twenty Shillings Curr^t mony p poll on all negroes for raising a Supply towards the defraying the publick Charge of this Province

Which being Read the foll^o Message is prepared.

By the Uper house of Assembly June 6th 1717

Gent. On Reading this Bill we do not find any Appropriation of the Additional duty in the body of it, but seems to be designed by the Title towards defraying the pub: Charge of this Province, therefore are of opinion it would be proper to apply it to the use of Free Schools which seems to call upon you for your Utmost Endeavours to Encourage them.

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Signed p order Jno Beard Cl up ho.

Sent down to the Lower house with the bill Endorsed.