

U. H. J. The following message being Agreed upon is sent to the Lower House Viz.

By the uper house of Assembly June 4<sup>th</sup> 1719  
Gent.

On Reading and Considering your Message by M<sup>r</sup> Robert Tyler & M<sup>r</sup> Charles Wright relating to the Bill for the Regulation of Officers Fees we Cann<sup>t</sup> but think you too Positive in Resolving to Deprive the Country of the Benefitt of the former Law made for that Purpose which we cann<sup>t</sup> But think has been very usefull in Restraining the Severall Officers from Charging & Extorting Excessive Fees & makeing them Liable to a Prosecution and Penalty for so Doing, rather than admitt of a Regulation of that Bill now Proposed by you.

p. 98 Wee arc of Opinion as well as you that some of the Fees Allowed Severall Officers by the former Law are too highly rated And may be Reduced but we think that the Regulation Proposed in your Bill does so much Abridge the Perquisites of some of those Offices as not to afford a Sufficient Support for the Characters and Stations of the psons who Execute them besides we Conceive we should make but a Very ungratefull Return to his Lordship And Our Gov<sup>r</sup> for the many favours we Acknowledge to have Rec<sup>d</sup> from them if we should at Once so Extravagantly lessen the Revenues of those Offices which are their Imediate Dependance. And as we are a part of the Legislature for this pvince we think we have a Right to Interpose our Opinions And that Such a Regulation would have been much more Properly made by a Joint Comittee Consisting of some of the members of Both houses.

In fine Gentl we hope we have the Interest of our Country at heart as much as you & in Discharging our Duties Believe we Ought not to Oppress the Poor nor do Injustice to the Rich but to pay a Just Regard to all Degrees of men by Divine Providence Establish'd amongst us

But if notwithstanding what we now Offer you resolve neither to Revive the old Law nor admitt a more moderate Regulation of the new One by you Proposed we Doubt not p. 99 but the Evill Consequence which must necessarily follow such a Resolution will be Imputed to you & not to us who Resolve not to Pass that Bill as it now Stands.

Signed p Order John Beard Cl Uper House

Sent p Esq<sup>r</sup> Hall who returns & Says He Delivered it M<sup>r</sup> Joseph Hill & four others with the Journall of the Committee of Accounts Read & Assented to by the Lower House.