

U. H. J. A Bill for Laying the Publick Levy for this present year 1719  
 A Bill for the Limitation of Officers Fees.  
 Both read and Assented to by that house.

And the Bill for Laying the Levy being read in this House is Assented to.

On reading the Engrost Bill for Limitation of Officers Fees the Question is Put whether it shall Pass or not.

p. 117 Thereupon M<sup>r</sup> Phil Lloyd Esq<sup>r</sup> one of the members of this House Enters his Protestation against it as follows Viz.

June 6<sup>th</sup> 1719

Philemon Lloyd Esq<sup>r</sup> Deputy Secretary of Maryland by way of Protestation against the passing of the Bill for the Limitation of Officers Fees now in Reading in this House Declareth the said Bill to be the Only Infraction that hath been made of this Kind upon the Rights of the Secretarys of this p<sup>ro</sup>vince since their first Appointment And Tends very much to the lessening the Dignity of such Officer by Depriving him of so Great a part of those p<sup>ro</sup>quisites and Emoluments of his Office w<sup>ch</sup> were att first Designed by the Lord Prop<sup>ty</sup> to be an handsome Support of that Character and Originally Annexed to the Secretarys Office by an Act of Assembly without Limitation of time untill after the Revolution that Sundry Disputes Arose Between Gov<sup>r</sup> Copley and S<sup>r</sup> Thomas Lawrence then Sec<sup>ty</sup> of this p<sup>ro</sup>vince by the Appointment of King William the third Upon which Difference the Country took the Advantage and made those Fees that were before the Proper Rights & p<sup>ro</sup>quisites of the Secretarys Office to Depend upon Temporary Laws renewed from time to time where the Fees were frequently mutilated in some particular only untill now that the whole List of Sec<sup>rys</sup>, if this Bill Pass will be Reduced at least One fourth Part without Distinction of the nature and Quality of some Services which Deserves a Proportionable ffee or Reward as Particularly in the Case of a Writt of Injunction out of the Chan<sup>ry</sup> Office which by this Bill is Rated at three Shillings and nine Pence for the whole Charge of that Writt untill it Come to the Seale Computing Tob<sup>o</sup> at One Penny p pound the consequence of all which will be that the Lord Prop<sup>ty</sup> will find himself concerned in the curtailing those Fees which were by his L<sup>pps</sup> noble Ancestors Annexed to the Sec<sup>rys</sup> Office for the Better Supporting the Dignity of that Officer the Gentl who are his Lordships Principall Secretarys at this Time will in the next Place have but too Just Cause of Complaining that they shall if this Bill pass into an Act be thereby Deprived of the full Benefitt of their Office as Granted unto them by the Right Honble Charles Absolute Lord & Prop<sup>ty</sup> &c.