

in your bill does so much abridge the perquisites of some of L. H. J. those offices as not to afford a Sufficient Support for the Character and Stations of the persons who execute them, Besides p. 119 we conceive we should make but a very ungratefull return to his Lordship and our Governour for the Many favours we acknowledge to have received from them if we should at once so Extravagantly lessen the revenues of those offices which are their Immediate dependance, and as we are a part of the Legislature for this Province We think we have a right to interpose our Opinions and that such a regulation would have been much more properly made by a Joynt Committee Consisting of some of the members of both houses. In fine Gentlemen we hope we have the Interest of our Countrey at Heart as much as you and in Discharging our Dutys 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 established 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 but that the Evill consequences which must necessarily follow such a resolution will be Imputed to you and not to us, who resolve not to pass that bill as it now Stands.

Signed p Order John Beard, Cl Up Ho.

Then the Question was put whether a Conference should be Agreed to as desired or not. Carried in the Affirmative by p. 120 the Majority of Votes.

In answer to which the following Message was prepared Viz:

By the Lower House of Assembly June the 4<sup>th</sup> 1719.  
May it Please your Honours.

We have considered your Message of this day p Esq<sup>r</sup> Hall with the bill for limitation of officers' fees, and thô this house are not willing to consent to the reviving the old Act Yet they are willing that such of the Members of your house as you shall think fitt to Appoint may be Join'd w<sup>th</sup> some of the Members of this house in a Conference for a necessary regulation of those fees.

Which if your house agrees to we Desire the Gentlemen may be Appointed, that they may proceed thereon this Morning

Signed p Order M Jenifer Cl. Lo: Ho.

And Sent to the Upper House by M<sup>r</sup> Beall and M<sup>r</sup> Wright.  
They return & Say they delivered it.