

L. H. J. The following Message is prepared Viz:

By the Lower house of Assembly

October the 20th 1724.

May it please yo^r Honours

This house takeing into consideracōn the heavy burthen the Inhabitants of this province labour under by the great Charge of the publick Dues and officers ffees, are desireous that an Abatement of one half may be made therein and recomend the same to your Hon^{rs} consideration.

Sign'd p order M Jenifer Cl. Lo: Ho:

Which was Sent to the Upper house by M^r Tyler & M^r Bozman

They return and say they delivered it

M^r Tyler from the Committee of Courts of Justice returns the following Report Viz:

By the Committee of Courts of Justice, Octob^r 19th 1724

Your Committee observes that in the Commissions to the Justices of the Provinciaall Court, made out in the year 1692 (being the first year that the Crown took the Governm^t of this province upon them, Lionel Copley Esq^r being Governo^r) Recorded in Lib^r D: S: page 49-50 the said therein Justices are required to hear and Determine all the matters in the Commission before recited; Doing therein what to Justice appertaineth according to the Laws and Customs of our kingdom of England and of our said province

Also in the Commission Granted to the Justices of the same Court the second day of May 1694 recorded in Lib. T: L: N^o 1 page the first the Justices are Required to hear & Determine, perform & fullfill all & singular (the Same) Doing therein what to Justice appertaineth according to the Laws and Customs of our Kingdom of England and of our said Province. Signd E: Andros.

Also the like words in the like Commission dated the 16th October 1694. Sign'd Francis Nicholson recorded in Lib. T. K. N^o 1 folio 120.

Also the like words in the like Commission dated the 3^d day of April 1699 Sign'd N: Blackiston recorded in Lib^o W. T. N^o 3 page the first.

Also the like words in the like Commission dated the 15th day of May 1704 Sign'd Jo: Seymour recorded in Lib^o T. L: N^o 3 page 258.