

L. H. J. Wherefore we are of opinion that one of the Com<sup>rs</sup> Gen<sup>l</sup> & the Secretary have no Right to the Severall fees of their offices untill Security is given pursuant to the Act of Assembly and Directions of the Commissioners af<sup>d</sup> and desire your Honours will be pleas'd to advise the Severall officers afores<sup>d</sup>  
 p. 181 who have not yet given Bond being members of your House and therefore referr the further consideracōn to your Honours.

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

Which was Sent to the Upper House with the Journall therein mencōn'd by M<sup>r</sup> Beale and Cap<sup>t</sup> Hooper. They return and say they Delivered them.

Benjamin Tasker Esq<sup>r</sup> from the Upper House Delivers M<sup>r</sup> Speaker the Orriginall and Engrost reviving Bills to the Act for Limitation of officers ffees &c with the following Message Viz.

By the Upper House of Assembly Novemb<sup>r</sup> the 2<sup>d</sup> 1724.  
 Gentlemen.

We are much concern'd to find by your message of the 31<sup>st</sup> of October by M<sup>r</sup> Tyler & M<sup>r</sup> Taylor that you Endeavour by a foreign Construction of our Intentions relateing to the alteracōns propos'd and an unreasonable Construction of the words in the Bill for reviving officers ffees to Justifie a practice unheard of till now in parliamentary proceedings; which we were willing (for the Sake of Cultivating an amicable understanding between the two Houses and that we might pursue the busieness before us) to have lookt upon as a mistake and not a design to impose upon us. But you oblige us to insist; That for either House to alter a Bill past in both Houses without the knowledge and consent of the other is a Violation of that priviledge that ought to be Sacred to both and that you have done so is apparent; for instead of Excluding the whole paragraph that makes hemp & flax Current in paym<sup>t</sup> of Tobacco Debts due to merchants and others Trading or Commercing in or to this province (which was the true intent & meaning of the alteration propos'd by us in our former message) you have by the Interlineation formerly menconed, artfully Excused such merchants and Involv'd the Inhabitants of this province in the same mischief, w<sup>ch</sup> is an Alteracōn so farr from our Intentions that it was not so much as once Spoke of to or by our House. Certainly Gentlemen, when you consider this affair you will no longer Endeavour to perswade us to part with our priviledge by consenting to the ingros'd Bill as it now stands which we have