

Records which tis thought will Exceed £1000 whilst the particular Officers enjoy the full benefit of those Offices great part of the perquisites whereof arise from those very Records that are now so much worn by constant Use and particularly that the Secretarys Office from which arises the greatest part of the Charge has for some years been of Above 1000 £ p Annum benefit to the Officer It is therefore humbly offered whether it be not just and reasonable that such Offices as are of so Considerable an Advantage to their possessors should not bear their own Charge and the Province be reimburs't by a Sequestration of such a proportion of the Annual Profit of each office to the Use of the publick as may in a reasonable time amount to the whole disbursement that thereby every Charge may have its proper Discharge which is humbly submitted to the Consideration of the House.

U. H. J.
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Signed p Order Sam^l Hepburn Cl. Com

By the Lower House of Assembly Octo the 27th 1725.

May it please Your Honours

On reading the report of the Committee herewith sent this House Concurr's therewith and desire that some Members of Your house by your Honours to be appointed may be joyn'd with John Beale Esq^r and Captain John Rider whom we have appointed of our House in a Committee to view the several Records that have been made in the time of the several Officers that have and now do Enjoy the profits thereof and report in what Condition they now are.

Signed p Order M. Jenifer Cl Lo Ho.

Which Report and Message being read the following Answer was prepared thereto

By the Upper House of Assembly Octo^r the 27th 1725
Gentlemen

We Agree with you in your Message by Captⁿ Hooper and Captⁿ Gordon that the Charge of repairing the Records is very great and an Aggrievance to this Province but know not how it can be now Avoided The method you propose of obliging the Officers to repair the Records we think to be unreasonable because by that means we should punish one man for anothers fault a great part of the Impairs in the Records being occasioned by other Officers then those who are now in Possession of them Therefore we cannot think of any other way than repairing them at the publick Charge and when they are so repaired the several Officers have Already

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