

House of the 31st of October 1724 to your message of the same U. H. J.
 date in the printed Volumes of Our proceedings (since you are
 pleased to Disown them) page 57 together with the great
 Burthen of ffees that the Purchasors are loaded with and the
 price of the Land being doubled since the Revolution we
 must needs think would have Given a total Obstruction to the
 Purchasing and taking up of the Back Lands had not the rise
 of Tobacco & great Expectacons that lands would rise pro-
 portionably (as it usually does) given unexpected life to it.
 We therefore think his Lordships Interest and the peopling
 and improving the ffrontier Parts of the Province are much
 Concerned in this Affair and no injustice can be said to be done
 his Lordship by it who has no part in that ffee nor any to the
 Officer who without that 400^{ts} Tobacco has a large ffee & more
 than the Value of his Service settled on him by the Bill as it is
 now propos'd

As there is an Absolute necessity for Distinction to be made
 in the Com̄missarys ffees, between those of large and small
 Estates so we cannot think but that halfe ffees to them in
 Estates of 50 £ as mentioned in the Bill is as well settled as
 can be, for were it only to Affect Estates under 20 £ the ffees
 that must necessarily Accrue to the Com̄missarys will when
 Tobacco bears a large price in the Country, sink so deep into
 such an Estate that it would sweep away the greatest part of
 it for taking Care of the rest. We cannot find any necessity
 for special Commissions in general to issue to the Deputy
 Commissarys for passing Accounts above 50[£] as heretofore,
 and as it would certainly be of great Ease to the people to
 have their Accounts of dec'ds Estates made up and past in
 their Countys, and the person passing them being under the
 same Obligation of returning such Accounts and in all respects
 doing his duty therein as in Case of Accounts of Estates under p. 93
 £50 we cannot think but the Deputy Com̄missarys passing
 such Accounts where no doubt or Controversy arises, will be
 as well as if he had a Com̄mission from the Office Empowering
 him thereto, especially since those Accounts will still be
 Subject to the same Contest of all parties interrested as the
 Accounts now are which are passed by the Commissarys
 Generall; and therefore must desire you to pass the Bill
 with that Provisoe as it stands therein. We propose the
 Continuance of the Act as it now stands in the Bill and pre-
 sume at the Years End the Drawing a reviving Bill will not
 take up much time or be so great a Charge to the Countrey
 but that they may bear with it.

Signed p Order M. Jenifer Cl. Lo. Ho.