

thats done with as little, if not the least Trouble of any in L. H. J.
 proportion to its Reward, Especially when those that apply for
 Searches bring Regular Instructions, and thats every one's
 Case to do, or they must take the Consequence. The fee to the
 Secretary for Recording patents, we presume your Honours
 have over lookt, for it is mentioned in Express Words on the
 Top of the 5th Sheet in the Bill, and the words (do not) in the
 11th Line of the 3^d Sheet as also the fee for Searches in the
 Commissarys Office are now Incerted which before were
 Omissions.

The Reasons against the Extravagant fee for Special
 Warrants appears pretty Clear in the answer of the Lower
 House of the 31st Octo^r 1724 to your Message of the same
 Date in the Printed Volume of Our proceedings (since you
 are pleas'd to Disown them) page 57 Together with the
 great Burthen of fees that the purchasers are loaded with,
 and the price of Lands being doubled since the Revolution,
 we must needs think would have given a Totall Obstruction
 to the purchasing and taking up of back Lands, had not the
 Rise of Tobacco, and great Expectations that Lands would
 Rise proportionably, as it usually does, given unexpected life
 to it. We therefore think his Lordships Interest and the
 peopling and Improving the frontier parts of the Province,
 are much Concern'd in this Affair and no Injustice Can be
 say'd to be done to his Lordship by it, who has no part in that
 fee, Nor any to the Officer, who without that 400^l Tobacco,
 has a Large fee, and more than the Value of his Service, Set-
 tled on him by the Bill as it is now proposcd.

As there is an Absolute Necessity for Distinction to be
 made in the Commissarys' fees, between those of Large and
 small Estates, so we Cannot think but half fees to them in
 Estates of fifty Pounds as mentioned in the Bill is as well
 Settled as Can be, for Were it to Effect only Estates under
 twenty Pounds, the fees that must Necessarily Accrue to the
 Commissarys 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
 Generall to Issue to the Deputy Commissarys for passing Ac-
 counts above fifty pounds, as heretofore, and as it would Cer-
 tainly be of Great Ease to the People to have their Accounts
 of Deceas'd Estates made up and past in their County, and
 the person passing them being under the same Obligacōn Of
 Returning such Accounts and in all Respects doing his Duty p. 94
 therein as in Case of Accounts of Estates under fifty Pounds,