

Your Committee propose that the Undertakers of the U. H. J. Joiners and Carpenters Work may have Power at their discretion to make any small Alterations which may be Agreeable to the Proportion of their Work and the Squares of Glass

Your Honours Committee are of Opinion that the publick Officers should be Obliged to keep their respective Offices in Good Repair after the finishing this Work

Signed p Order Jn<sup>o</sup> Gibson Cl Com.

A Message from the Lower House by Captain Mariarte & M<sup>r</sup> Bozman viz.

By the Lower House of Assembly October 31<sup>st</sup> 1724  
May it Please your Honours

The Granting Special Warrants as Observed by your Honours message of this Instant by Col<sup>o</sup> Addison was indeed a Matter of favour formerly when such Warrants were to Affect all cultivations & Improvements how Valuable soever for the Common Purchase of Rough Lands and this Gave the fee or Gratuity of five hundred Pounds of Tobacco a Reasonable foundation but since the Practice has been to Value all Improvements and for a Purchaser to pay the Value of them it becomes meer matter of Contract between his Lordship [and the People] and therefore as the favour which was the consideration of the five hundred pounds of Tobacco ceases we must insist the Gratuity it self ought to cease We Cannot find that the Clerks form or draw any Petitions for Purchasers of Special Warrants but what they are Otherwise paid for and as to the fee for renewing Warrants we never understood it was taken on pretence of a fine for Neglect before your Honours Message gave us the Intimation We thought it had been only Claimed as a Fee or reasonable Reward for the service of Renewing it & we are well Satisfied the fee of 50 Pounds of Tobacco proposed by the Bill was a Competency for it, but if such difficulties are put upon purchasers of his Lordships Lands by his Officers it must needs lessen the number of Purchasers And discourage the Planting and Settling the Frontiers which We shall Submit to be further considered & as to the fees or Gratuitys themselves altho they're founded on no Law neither have they any Reasonable Custom subsisting to support them however for the Giving your Honours a most Indubitable demonstration of our Good Inclinations to end this Sessions in the most amicable manner we agree to pass the Bill of Officers fees with the Amendments you propose.

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