

Chamberlain we acquaint you that our Reasons for disapproving U. H. J. the Report of the Conferees appointed for regulating Officers fees are as follows.

First That the Regulation of fees proposed by the Conference for the Services to be done by the several Officers are many of them much less in Value than those contained in the Act made for that purpose Anno 1725 and not sufficient for a Decent Support to the several Officers for tho some few are advanced yet they are not in proportion to those that are reduced

Secondly that Tobacco being now of much less Value than it was in the year 1725 we are of Opinion that the fees of the several Officers ought rather to be advanced than lessened especially considering that his Lordships reason for dissenting to the Act then made was because he thought the fees too much reduced

Thirdly that as his Lordship did dissent to that Law because the fees were too small we think it in vain to Enact another that makes them less for we cannot but think he will for the same reason Reject it & will be spending our time and the Countrys money to no purpose

Fourthly We cannot concur with the Conferees in opinion that if a Tobacco Law be made the People should have a Liberty of paying the whole fees with two thirds of the Tobacco made allowed for it may happen that a Tobacco Law may be made and yet the price of Tobacco not Advance in some years and we think it time enough to lessen the Fees when the Price of Tobacco does Advance.

Thus having given you the chief Reasons that at present Occur to us for not approving the Report of the Conferees we conclude with Earnestly desiring that you will with us Consider the necessity of a Law to regulate Officers fees and not insist upon making such a one as we cannot expect will be Assented to but rather agree p. 357 to Conform as near as may be to the regulation made Anno 1719 with a Liberty to the people of paying money by a certain day to be agreed on at one Penny p pound than suffer the Officers and People to be continually engaged in disputes without any Law to Govern themselves by.

If your House is inclinable to concur with what we propose we desire A Committee of both Houses may be again appointed to consider thereof and make a Report Accordingly

Signed p Order Geo. Plater Cl Up Ho.

Read the second time the Bill for Destroying Bears in Somerset County and the Bill for laying out of Land and erecting a Town in