

U. H. J. House in allowances to be made to any person employ'd particularly about the proceedings or Service of our House A Method we do not remember we ever came into nor can we believe it is consistent with our happy constitution that one Branch of the Legislature should come into any determinate Resolution to bind the publick without the Concurrent Assent of the other.

We agree that reasonable Allowances have been made Agreeable to the Sence of the two Houses which is all we contend for in order to preserve any Encroachment on each others rights which we on our part think ourselves obliged Inviolably to preserve

Signed p Order Geo Plater Cl Up Ho.

A Message from the Lower House by James Harris Esq^r & M^r Key viz.

By the Lower House of Assembly October the 23^d 1728

May it please your Honours

In Answer to your message of this day by Nicholas Lowe Esq^r we are heartily glad to find you in a disposition to put an end to the disputes about Officers fees as well as to save the Country the expence of a long Session and we do assure your Honours that we will do everything in our power consistent with our duty and the publick welfare towards both

As to my Lord Proprietary it is but just and Reasonable to make his Lordship an Equivalent but as the Act for settling his Lordships Revenue will not Expire till next September and that the Restriction of planting cannot Possibly affect his Lordship till then we conceive that to be the most proper time to consider the Equivalent for we shall be able then to form a better judgment of the quantity that will be lessened by the reduction than we can be now and consequently better able to proportion the Equivalent we always intended that the attorneys fees and all Tobacco debts and payments to be made to the Inhabitants should be reduced in proportion to Officers fees as your Honours are inclinable that reasonable fees should be allowed where there have been any Omissions in the regulation of 1725 We hope you will think it equally just & reasonable to correct Errors that may appear in those that were then regulated to the Prejudice of the people proceeding in this manner is but fair and equal & will prevent any Imputation of the Legislature being less carefull of the Interest of the people than of what concerns the Officers which Acting otherwise would give too much Room for

As to the power given to the D. Commissarys it is of publick convenience and Advantage to the People and saves a good deal of Expence to Widows and Orphans of whose Interest we are all Obliged by the Laws of God and man to be particularly careful and