

conveniences for the future, but we cannot reasonably expect the U. H. J. Method you propose will prove effectual for obtaining that good End; first because His Excellency Our Governor at the Conclusion of the last Session of Assembly in a publick manner assured both houses that he was positively restrained by his Lordship's Instructions from passing the Bill you mention as it then stood (which Instruction he hath been pleased this Day to communicate to Us) and secondly because the fees regulated in the year 1719 were thought to be but a suitable support for the services to be done: And finding that the before mentioned Instruction restrains the Gov^r from passing any Law for regulating Officers fees that shall reduce them to a less Value than the Regulation af^d We are of Opinion that We shall but spend Our Time & the Countrys Money to no Purpose in proposing a farther Reduction of them, but if you think fit to prepare a Bill pursuant to that Regulation of 1719, it may probably succeed, but we take Leave to observe that We think it an Unparliamentary Way of Proceeding to agree upon the passing a Bill by Messages between the Two houses before those Bills are drawn

Signed p Order John Ross Cl Up Ho.

A Bill from the Lower house by Coll Herman & M^r Turbutt Entituled an Act for raising a Duty of Three Pence p hh^d on all Tobacco exported out of this Province for the Uses therein mentioned; with the following Message

By the Lower house of Assembly 22^d July 1729

May it please your Honours

This house having considered the Alteration proposed by your Honours to the Bill, Entituled, an Act for the raising a Duty of three pence p hh^d on all Tob^o exported out of this Province for the Uses therein mentioned, cannot agree to make the Alteration proposed by your Honours; so desire you will pass the Bill as it now stands

Signed p Order M: Macnemara Cl. Lo. Ho.

Adjourned till to Morrow Morning Eight of the Clock

Wednesday morning 23^d July 1729

This house met again according to Adjournment

Present as Yesterday with the addition of Philip Lee Esq^r

Read the Petition of Negro William Barton praying Leave to bring in a Bill to confirm a Right to his heirs & Representatives in

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