

L. H. J. Lib. No. 45 Misdemeanours to recognize in large Sums for the Fees of your Officers at a Time when there was no legal regulation. Which practice is unknown to our Mother Country there, if such an Officer take bonds for Fees tis extortion in Him, tis much more so, where it is attended with an Encrease or expence, These crimes were they committed maliciously or corruptly, ought certainly to be punished in the severest manner by the Courts below But as this House hope you did these things only because you were not better advised, and that you will for the future act more circumspectly; this House think fit for the present only to admonish you, ever to remember that lenient Maxim, That the highest Justice may be the greatest Injustice, ever in Judgment, remember Mercy, the unbiassed and impartial Administration of Justice will not only redound to the Honour of the Government and peace and Tranquility of the People, but to the Glory of God. With this Admonition and caution, that in case you persist in the aforesaid evil practices, you may depend on no indulgence from this House, and on five of you, Viz. M^r Thomas Bozman, Ridsen Bozman, John Leeds, Anthony Richardson and John Robins, paying the sum of thirteen pounds Seventeen Shillings (that sum being due to the several Officers of this House and Evidences whose Attendance you have occasioned) you are all dismiss'd, except M^r John Leeds who is yet to remain in Custody of the Serjeant.

Cot King and M^r Denton ordered to tax the several fees due to the several Officers of this House.

They afterwards delivered the following taxation Viz.

In pursuance of the Order of the Lower House of Assembly to settle sundry Fees arising due to the Officers of that House (and sundry Evidences for Attendance) on a complaint made there against the Justices of Talbot County Court. We the Subscribers have proceeded to tax the same in the manner following.

To the Clerk of the Lower House

	£	s.	d.
For Summonses for 8 Justices at 3/p	1..	4..	0
For D ^o for 4 Evidences at 3/p	0..	12..	0
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To the Serjeant

For Summoning 8 Justices at 5/p	2..	0..	0
For D ^o 4 Evidences at 5/p	1..	0..	0
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	3..	0..	0