

Excessiveness of fees in Offices and the High terms of Rents at present Reserved, (far Exceeding anything of the kind in any other part of his Majesty's American Dominions that we know of) shews it self. Whatever lies in our Power shall be done with utmost Chearfulness to promote the Enlargment of his Majesties Empire and Dominion in this Province by Encouraging the Settlement of these Back and Remote parts, in hopes that thereby the Export may be Encreased towards bettering his Majesties Revenue and the Trade of our Mother Country Great Brittain as also the Advantages that may Consequently Ensurue to the Province.

8) We shall have a due Regard to any usefull Laws which may Expire with this Session.

The Security Defence and Safety of this Province is so near and Dear to us that we shall be always ready and Willing to do every thing requisite and necessary to so good an End, and we Assure your Excellency that your Recommendations shall always have their due Weight with us.

The Account which your Excellency has been pleased to lay before this House shall be considered, and we assure your Excellency that if we find the same Right and Clear, we shall make no Objection thereto, and we doubt not but your Excellency will rather Approve than Condemn our Conduct if we fairly and Openly Object against any Erronious Publick Accounts, it being our Undoubted Right and Duty so to do.

We hope that this Government hath no Enimies nor will make any, and Malicious Private Whispers and Groundless Insinuations are weak Attempts which ought to be Dispised

We assure your Exc<sup>y</sup> that this House will always to the best of their knowledge Act openly freely and Candidly, and which conduct most agreeable to native British Sincerity, the Inseperable Characteristick of every true Britton we Humbly hope will give no Offence.

The House Adjourned untill two of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Post Merediem. The House met according to Adjournment.

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M<sup>r</sup> Henry is added to the Committee of Laws

Ordered that M<sup>r</sup> Dulany Doctor Carroll M<sup>r</sup> Hammond M<sup>r</sup> Calder M<sup>r</sup> Denton M<sup>r</sup> George and M<sup>r</sup> Stoughton prepare an Officers fee Bill. And that it be an Instruction to those Gentlemen in Regulating the ffees, regard be had to the ffees Setled in the Neighbouring Provinces of Virginia and Pensilvania.

The Question was put whether in the Bill to be brought in, the fees shall be rated in money or Tobacco, that the fees be rated in Tobacco.