

U. H. J. At the following Meeting the Conferees of both Houses agreed
 Liber No. 34 to enter upon settling the quantum of the Fees and in Order to that
 took first under their Consideration the Fees for Copying and searching
 as being the most considerable Branches of Business and after
 some Debates the Conferees of the Lower House made the following
 Propositions.

1st That all Copying should be reduced to Eight pounds of Tob^o
 p side as it stands in the Bill sent this Session to the Upper House

2^d That all searchers should be Limited at 15th of Tobacco gener-
 ally as they stand in the aforesaid Bill

p. 77 3^{dly} That when the Deputy Commissarys grant Letters of Admin-
 istration or Testamentary and charge the Parties therewith the Com-
 missary shall charge no Fees for such services

At the next Meeting the Conferees of the Upper House acquainted
 the Conferees of the Lower House, that the Upper House for the
 Ease and Satisfaction of the People and to shew the sincerity of
 their Intentions in relation to the Subject matter of this Conference
 were willing to agree

1st To Nine Pound of Tobacco p side for Copying

2 To fifteen Pound of Tobacco Generally for all Searchers and

3^{dly} That a Provision shall be made in the Bill to prevent the Com-
 missary General taking Fees for Services done by his Deputies, But
 for saving time which had been very much Protracted by the tedious
 Method of having Recourse to the Houses for Instructions on each
 particular Article the Upper House did propose that all Fees be re-
 duced to a Medium between those taken by his Lordships Proclama-
 tion and those incerted in the Bill lately Rejected by them, with the
 Condition that Naval Officers Fees be no part of the Consideration
 of this Conference they being already provided for by a Law now in
 force and that Examiners fees be incerted

Which Proposition of a Medium the Conferees of the Lower
 House rejected

Whereupon the Conferees of the Upper House acquainted the
 Conferees of the Lower House that the Upper House proposed all
 Fees should be settled by a Reduction of 20 p Cent from them as they
 stand in his Lordships Proclamation to which the Conferees of the
 Lower House answered that they were not instructed by their House
 on that head and proposed to return to their House for Instructions
 thereon, and at the same time desired that the Conferees of the Upper
 House would likewise resort to their House and know whether if the
 Lower House should agree to a deduction of 20 p Cent on all other
 fees those already mentioned to be agreed to should stand accordingly
 and Copying be reduced from Nine Pounds of Tobacco to Eight
 Pounds of Tobacco p side