

accompanied with less difficulties in a Conference than in any other manner, and therefore hope You will once more appoint such Gentlemen of your House as You think proper to join some of Ours in another Conference in Order if possible to regulate and settle Officers Fees, that the same may be reduced into a Law

Signed p Order W^m Tilghman Ct Lo Ho.

Adjourned till three of the Clock in the Afternoon

Eodem Die post Meridiem

This House met again according to Adjournment

Present as in the Morning

The following Message is sent by Col^o Hammond

By the Upper House of Assembly 11 September 1745

Gentlemen

Your Journal will show that on the 27 of August last this House by Message made the first Advance for an Amicable Settlement of the Officers Fees and We may now say the sincerity of Our dispositions to concur in any amicable measures that may conduce to the Ease and Happiness of the People intimated in that Message must stand confessed by your House and the whole Province; for in Consequence of that Message Our House made Offers for Reduction of the Fees, so far beyond your own Hopes & Expectations that you concluded You might ask any thing and Our House would refuse nothing, and that therefore You need not Bound Yourselves by Reason since the Willingness of this House for the Ease and Quietness of the People of this Province was without Bounds, to such like reasoning and not any Averseness in You to the Ease and Quiet of your Constituents, We would willingly impute what followed in the Conference where after the Conferees of this House had made such large Concessions as nothing hardly was left to ask by your House, and in particular had agreed to reduce the Copying fees to nine Pounds of Tobacco from twelve in one Office and Eleven in the other Offices Yet the Conferees of Your House disagreed from those of Our House because Our Conferees would not consent to a further reduction of that Fee to Eight We might from hence take sufficient Comfort to Ourselves in having very earnestly endeavoured to procure the Welfare and Quiet of the People but as this House Acts upon such Principles as not to be diverted by the mistakes or Misapprehensions of other People from pursuing the Real Good & Interest of the County and as We consider an Officers fee Bill one of the Steps for procuring a Good Harmony between the Government & People We do assure you that as We have now Reason to hope your house is not less earnest for a good Understanding and removal of Jealousies and Uneasinesses then We are Ourselves We shall very readily take the Officers fee Bill again into Our Consideration so