

By the Lower House of Assembly 14 Sept^r 1745

U. H. J.
Liber No. 34

May it please Your Honours

As We suppose Your Honours will not deny in express terms that a Parliamentary Proceeding by Bills is an amicable one, nor that the 21st day of August is Prior to the 27 day of the same Month We must in Answer to Your Message of the 11th Instant inform You that on the said 21st day of last Month We sent up to Your House, after a Passage in this a Bill ent^d an Act for Limitations of Officers Fees which step taken by us, was, We think this Session the first Advance for an amicable settlement of the Officers Fees, and which Bill tho the Fees stand charged in it Considerably higher in every Article than those of Our Neighbouring Governments, from whence it might have been reasonably Expected to have passed Your House Yet to shew the sincerity of your dispositions to concur in any reasonable Measures that might conduce to the Ease and Happiness of the People was returned to this House Indorsed

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Read the second time by especial Order and will not Pass And thô from Your Message therewith We entertained hopes the matter might be Adjusted by a Conference and accordingly proposed One, And Wherein those named Acted in Pursuance of & agreeable to the Orders and Instructions of this House, Yet to give a further Proof of your sincere disposition &c^a Your Conferees demandd and We Agreed for some Ease and Quiet to the People to allow a considerable Advance upon most of the Articles in that Bill, but because We could not Agree to advance still larger upon the Article of Copies, out of Your greater Regard to some other Motive than the Ease & Quiet of the People, that Concession was refused, And thus ended the Conference from hence will appear the sincerity of your Disposition to concur in any reasonable Measures that might conduce to the Ease and Happiness of the People, intimated in Your Message sent with that Bill, and hence too, take to Your selves what Comfort you can, in having very earnestly endeavoured to promote the Welfare & quiet of the People; But as this House Act upon such Principles as not to be diverted by any Insinuations or designs whatever from endeavouring to procure what Ease and Quiet we are able to the People, We applied for a farther Conference on the Subject of Officers Fees to which Proposal since Your Honours have readily agreed We have named Mess^{rs} Joshua George, Henry Hall, John Hall, Nich^o Goldsborough John Gresham and George Buchanan to join the Members appointed by your House for that Purpose and We hope that on a Reconsideration of that Subject some such Propositions may be made as may meet with the Approbation of both Houses

Signed p Order W^m Tilghman Ct Lo Ho.

Adjourned till three of the Clock in the Afternoon