

ENROLLING CONVEYANCES," AFTER THE LOWER CHAMBER HAD REFUSED TO CONCUR IN AN UPPER HOUSE AMENDMENT REQUIRING THAT THE ALIENATION FEE DUE THE PROPRIETARY BE PAID BEFORE A CONVEYANCE FOR LAND COULD BE RECORDED. THE PROPRIETARY FELT THAT ALTHOUGH THE ALIENATION FEE COULD IN ANY EVENT BE COLLECTED BY HIM IN THE CHANCERY COURT, THE PURPOSE OF THE LOWER HOUSE IN REFUSING TO ACCEPT THE AMENDMENT WAS THE DESIRE TO AROUSE IN THE MINDS OF THE PEOPLE THE FALSE CONCEPTION THAT THE CHANCELLOR IN SUCH CASES WOULD NOT BE AT LIBERTY TO GIVE A DECREE AGAINST THE PROPRIETARY, THIS REFLECTING UPON THE GOOD FAITH OF THE CHANCELLOR.]

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"I observe by the Journals of Assembly in 1763 a Bill intituled, An Additional Supplementary Act, to the Act, intituled, An Act for Quieting Possessions and enrolling Conveyances, &c. By the Upper House of Assembly 16th Nov 1763, Read the second time and will pass with the amendment after the words some and, in the 2^d line of the 2^d Page, insert these words, The Alienation Fine being satisfied. "I observe the 22^d of Novemb.^r the said Bill for Quieting Possessions &c. which was brought down from the Upper House on the 16th of November 1763 with the amendment proposed was read "(in the Lower House)" with the amendment proposed and to which this House doth not concur. Upon the Subject Matter of the Bill I think proper to advise You thereon. To the Upper House of Assembly, I am thankful for their Honourable and Just regard to my Property by their short amendment to the Bill, Id, Est, "The Alienation Fine being satisfied" the Lower House did not concur to the admndment, and why, "The Amendment was Equitable and just, and is lawfully my Due, and as such I insist on it by Patent, Patented to me and my Heirs and Assignees, And further concerning the Bill, for tho' a Party refusing to Pay the Alienation Fine might even after such a Bill had passed have been compelled by the Chancery Court, Yet I have real reason to apprehend (from the false doctrine that has been propagated in the Province) that on determination of that sort, it might have been easy for an ill-disposed Lawyer to persuade their dependants, that a Chancellor was not at Liberty to give a Decree against Me, and so a Spectre might have been raised