

The single Settlement recorded by the Clerk is in our Opinion a Matter of a very general and public Concern respecting the Titles of many People, and was properly recorded that they might be apprised of the State of them wherefore the service in recording it may be truly called a Public Service. Lord Baltimores Name having been mentioned the Circumstance seems to have been eagerly caught at tho we hope now it is explained it will give very little Countenance to the Misrepresentation we hinted at in our Message, and to which it seems you are Strangers, that the Clerk's of the Council's Claim arises from Services relative to his Lordships private Concerns. What those sundry Charges amounting to 526^{lb} of Tobacco on Petitions of private Persons are, you have not pointed out, & therefore afford us no Opportunity to consider your Objection. The Charge for Inspectors Commissions falls next under your Animadversion and you ask under what Rule in the Inspection Law with Regard to Matters of private Concern can that Charge be supported? and by subjoining that if the Rule of 9 pounds of Tobacco by the side was to be adopted, these Warrants would not come to 18^{lb} of Tobacco each, you may acutely shew what Manner it cant be justified; but there being another Rule, which tho more obvious, you have happened to overlook, we must beg your Attention to that for your Satisfaction & the Clerks Justification. As the Clerk of the Council was called upon to frame an Account; the Rule he observed, and the only One he could observe, was that which is established by the Inspection Law in private Cases of the nearest Resemblance, By that Act, there is a Fee given for Recording by the Side, but there is a Fee likewise given for any Commission or other Commission prepared by the Clerk to pass the broad Seal if a Place of Profit, and also for every Rangers, Coroners, Surveyors Commission, or other Commission of Profit 150^{lb} of Tobacco.

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Now in making out the Commission of an Inspector, the same Charge is made to the Public, as any private Person must have paid if appointed Coroner, Ranger, Surveyor &c, or to any other Place of Profit. You now perceive, that in preparing Commissions the Clerk of the Council does not, by the Inspection Law, charge private Persons by the Side, but the sum of 150^{lb} of Tobacco, without regard to the Number of Sides contained in the Commission, and this Rule he persued in Charging the Public for Inspectors Commissions. If there is any Reason for a Distinction between a Commission and a Warrant, we do not know, nor can we discover it from your short Parenthesis

What the Sentiments of the Legislators who framed the Inspection Law, could they be discovered, would be, are by no Means proved by the Circumstances you mention, tho we can easily admit, that they might not expect this Charge would ever have been made by the Clerk of the Council, because they allowed his whole Claim