

L. H. J. will pass. Sent to the Upper House by M.<sup>r</sup> Gantt and M.<sup>r</sup> Beall They  
 Liber No. 54 return and acquaint M.<sup>r</sup> Speaker they delivered the Bill  
 Oct. 30

M.<sup>r</sup> Grahame brings in and delivers to M.<sup>r</sup> Speaker a Bill, entitled, An Act to enable the Commissioners for emitting Bills of Credit to pay to John Duckett, William Mills and John Peacock the Sums of Money therein mentioned. Which was read the first and second Time by an especial Order and will pass Sent to the Upper House by M.<sup>r</sup> Deye and M.<sup>r</sup> Ware. They return and acquaint M.<sup>r</sup> Speaker they delivered the Bill

M.<sup>r</sup> Worthington brings in and delivers to M.<sup>r</sup> Speaker the following Report

By the Committee of Grievances and Courts of Justice October the 30.<sup>th</sup> 1770

Your Committee beg Leave to report to your Honourable House, that being informed, William Steuart, Clerk of the Land Office, had taken a Note of Hand in that Office from William Hamlin with Security for the Payment of a Sum of Money on the issuing a Warrant of Escheat in the said Office to the said Hamlin and that the said William Steuart did administer to the said Hamlin the Oath of not making Tobacco heretofore used; the said William Steuart attended your Committee by Order and acquainted your Committee That upon Application made to him as Clerk of the Land Office by William Hamlin for a Special Warrant of Escheat he applied to Benedict Calvert and George Steuart Esquires his Principals, by Letter for their Directions as to the Receipt or Security of the ffees of the said Office. That they both came into the Office and gave him verbal Directions that he should upon any Application to him for Business to be done in that Office take the ffees allowed by the late Inspection Law or Notes therefor or for the Payment of such ffees as should be allowed by any Regulation made by the Assembly or by Proclamation—

That if a Person made no Tobacco and therefore purposed to pay in Money at 12/6 that then he should administer the Oath of not making Tobacco heretofore in Use to such Person—That if ready Money was offered by those who made Tobacco that then the ffees should be received at 15/. per Hundred. That in Consequence of such Directions he the said William Steuart (being a Justice of the Peace) administered such Oath to the said William Hamlin and took of him, and Robert Buchanan, as his Security, a Promissory Note as well as in a Course of Business two other Notes for Special Warrants, Copies of which Notes are hereto annexed, and which the said William Steuart informed your Committee are the only Securities taken for the Payment of ffees in that Office—That he received from each of the Parties Ten Shillings to himself for his drawing a Petition for each of the said Warrants—Which Proceedings and Doings in the said Land Office your Committee are of Opinion are in no