

pursued in 1747 when the first Inspection Act passed—By your Message of Yesterday we find that neither is this Method agreeable to you, but you desire us to point out Amendments, and that you will agree to a Conference thereon; if you think it expedient.

U. H. J.
Liber No. 36
Nov. 10

You must be sensible, that if [we] were to enter minutely into a Consideration of all the parts and Articles of the Bill, detail all our Exceptions, and apply distinctly our Observations in support of our Opinion, it would be a Work of great Length, take up much time, and be productive of a considerable Expence, and especially if this Proceeding should draw from you a Message of the same kind, and you at last not judge a Conference to be expedient, Wherefore we make the following general Propositions.

That the Regulation of the Fees of Officers, and Lawyers, and the Provisions Dependant thereon be the same as in the last Inspection Act, the Mode of Recovering Penalties be the same, that there be no new Allowance on Tobacco Payments, or that the Clause in which it is comprized may be explained so clearly as to extend only to cropped Tobacco—

That all persons, whether they shall make Tobacco or not, may elect to pay all Fees in Tobacco or Money in the manner provided by the Bill That the poll Tax may be paid in the same manner, with this difference only, that in Case of a Payment in Money the [clergy may] receive on thirty two instead of thirty Per Pole, that the Inspection may be Closed at the time Directed by the late Regulation

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Should you think the Income from the Fees of the Secretary, Commissary General, and Judges of the Land Office will be too great on this Plan, we Propose if you think Proper, that there may be annual Stated Income paid to these Officers respectively of £600 Sterling, in Lieu of all other Fees Perquisites and Emoluments, and that these may be accounted for and applied to the Public Use, as the General Assembly shall Direct.

Lastly, that the Fees and Proportion of the Poll Tax which become due during the Existence of the late Regulation, and remain unsatisfied may be accordingly paid.

Signed by Order—U Scott. Cl. Up. Ho

Adjourned until three of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Eodem Die Post Meridiem.

The House met again according to Adjournment.

Present as in the Morning, and William Fitzhugh Esq.

Read the first and second time, by an Especial Order, in this House a Bill entitled. "An Act for the Relief of certain Prisoners in the several Jails therein mentioned" and will pass with the following Amendments At the end of the last page add the following