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Monday November 18.<sup>th</sup> 1771

The House met.

All Members present as on Saturday except M.<sup>r</sup> Gresham, M.<sup>r</sup> Earle, and M.<sup>r</sup> So. Wright

The Proceedings of Saturday were read.

M.<sup>r</sup> Owings, M.<sup>r</sup> Contee, M.<sup>r</sup> Weems and M.<sup>r</sup> W Richardson appeared in the House

A Bill entitled An Act for the Naturalization of Charles Frederick Weisenthall was read a first and second Time by an especial Order, passed, and sent to the Upper House by M.<sup>r</sup> Deye and M.<sup>r</sup> Moale.

The House being informed that M.<sup>r</sup> Francis Ware and M.<sup>r</sup> Josias Hawkins two Delegates returned for Charles County to serve in this present Session of Assembly were attending at the Door.

Ordered, That M.<sup>r</sup> Smallwood and M.<sup>r</sup> Harrison do go with those Gentlemen to the Upper House to see them qualified. They return and acquaint M.<sup>r</sup> Speaker they saw them qualified in the usual Manner. The Gentlemen took their Seats in the House

M.<sup>r</sup> Hall brings in and delivers to M.<sup>r</sup> Speaker the following Paper

Were the Lower House willing to continue the Regulation of the late Inspection Law, in respect of the Clergy, with a Proviso, that in all Parishes on the Death or Removal of the present Incumbents the Alternative shall take Place, a Doubt would remain whether the Alternative should be on thirty or thirty two pounds of Tobacco and how long that Regulation should continue.

Amongst the Proceedings of this Legislature no Subject of Controversy more frequently occurs than the Limitation of Officers fees; a Proof not only of the Necessity of such a Limitation, but also of the Difficulty of obtaining it. In the Year 1745 the Regulation of Officers fees was a principal Object of Attention, a Bill was framed in Consequence of the Agreement between Conferrees and passed both Houses

p. 255 The Charge of the Commissary General for Services performed by his Deputies and for which they were paid, was then under Consideration; it was twice agitated in Conference and finally agreed by the Conferrees that the Commissary General should have no fees on Services done by the Deputy Commissaries in Virtue of their Offices. For your further Satisfaction in this Point we beg Leave to trouble you with the following Extract

“At a Conference of both Houses of Assembly appointed to regulate the several Officers Fees on Monday the 16.<sup>th</sup> Day of September 1745