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The Honble Benjamin Tasker and Daniel Dulany Esquires of the Upper House

M. ^r Joshua George, Major Henry Hall, Col. ^o John Hall, M. ^r Nicholas Goldsborough, M. ^r John Gresham, Doctor George Buchanan	}	Of the Lower House
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Who make Choice of Benjamin Tasker Esq.^r Chairman and Richard Dorsey their Clerk

Your Conferrees have agreed that the Officers ffees shall be under the following Regulations Viz.^t That there shall be fifteen Pounds of Tobacco allowed for all Searches in the superior Offices; Searches under a Years standing not to be charged; and nine Pounds of Tobacco per Side reckoning One hundred and five Words to a Side for recording and copying in the said Offices

That there shall be a Deduction of One fifth of all Officers ffees as now taken except for the above two Articles. That the Commissary General shall have no ffees on small Estates which shall not exceed the Value of thirty Pounds Currency nor on Services which shall be performed by the Deputy Commissaries in Virtue of their Offices. That there shall be Tables of the several ffees in the Act according to the Limitations now agreed on

That Clerks shall be restrained from entring any Motions or Orders in civil or criminal Cases but where any Party shall desire and pay for the Entry. That there be a proper Clause in the Act to restrain Officers from exacting or taking any more or other ffees than such as shall be mentioned in it; and that there be an Oath of Office; and that the Act shall continue for seven Years and to the End of the next Session of Assembly which shall happen after the End of the said seven Years."

This Extract needs no Comment. The Sense of the two Houses on this Point is fully and clearly expressed. It is true the Bill for Limitation of Officers ffees with several other Bills of Importance were rejected by the Governor; for what Reason does not appear; but it may be conjectured, and perhaps your Honours may know, that it was because the Lower House did not pass a Bill for Arms and Ammunition, which at that Time was deemed an Object of the first concern with Government.

In the Year 1747, when the Inspection Law first passed, including a Regulation of the Staple as well as of the Officers ffees, this Point of the double Charge does not appear to have been agitated. A Minute Detail of the Circumstances attending the several Re-enact-