

since continued not so much from the Impressions of the Propriety and just Proportion of the Reward to the Service, as from the Utility of that Bill in other Respects; and the Necessity of agreeing to an imperfect Table of Fees, or losing a Regulation of the Staple allowed on all Hands to be very beneficial to the People

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The Interest of the Commissary General would be consulted by an Acceptance of what is now proposed, because we are fully convinced that in Case the Table should be passed in the Manner it formerly stood the double Charge would be disputed; and we are of Opinion would not be recovered in Case the Point should be fairly controverted before a Jury; and if the Table is not passed into a Law we know of no Action that would lie for a Quantum meruit where the Service is not done

We have already declared that we are not desirous of reducing the Offices below the Acceptance of Gentlemen of Abilities and Distinction and if upon the best Calculation we can make, any of them shall appear by the proposed Alterations to be reduced too low, we shall most readily, upon the present Conference increase the fees in such a Manner as that they may amount to a handsome and adequate Income.

But that no further Time may be thrown away in this Business, we must in the most explicit Manner declare it is our fixed unalterable Resolution not to consent to any Regulation unless Provision be plainly and effectually made against the Charge of the Commissary General for Services done by his Deputies, and for which they are paid; and the Charge for recording where that service is not done.

If therefore the Upper House do adhere to their Resolution of not admitting any further Reduction than what must necessarily result from the Election to be given to all Persons to pay in Money or Tobacco, and are of Opinion that the above Charges are agreeable to, and may be justified by, the old Table, nothing further can possibly be done. If, on the contrary, they are willing to explain and correct the Table in these particulars so as to prevent such Charges in future, we shall most cheerfully proceed to take both the new and old Table under Consideration. p. 257

Daniel Dulany Esq.^r from the Upper House delivers to M.^r Speaker the Bill entitled An Act for the further Emission of Bills of Credit, and the following Message

By the Upper House of Assembly, Nov.^r 18.th 1771

Gentlemen,

Your Message of the 16.th Instant with the Bill entitled "An Act for the further Emission of Bills of Credit" seems to import . . . [The message beginning thus is printed in full in the Upper House Journal, pp. 34-35].

Ordered That the said Message be read and it was read accordingly