

L. H. J. cause it was in some Particulars exorbitant, but for that, too many
 Liber No. 54 great Abuses had been committed by the Officers in their Charges,
 Nov. 22 which could be palliated only from the Doubtfulness of the Ex-
 pression in the Tables, and therefore submitted to the Loss of an
 incontrovertibly useful Regulation of the Staple of Tobacco; and
 after too, your Excellency in your said Message told the late Lower
 House, that “so far as you might be concerned in his Lordship’s
 Authority interposing in any Regulation of the fees of Officers, you
 should take good Care to act on mature Consideration, and that
 what you should judge to be right and just, would be the only
 Dictate by which you should be determined”; yet we cannot but
 be apprehensive that you issued that Proclamation and past that
 other Instrument under the Great Seal, on the Advice of some of
 those, whose Interest in the fees thus attempted to be illegally
 established, ought to have excluded them from your Excellency’s
 Confidence, in all Things relative to the fees of Office. We therefore
 earnestly entreat your Excellency to quiet the Minds of the good
 People of this Province, by speedily withdrawing the said Proclama-
 tion, as well as the said other Instrument establishing fees in the
 Land Office; and that you will be pleased to make known to us the
 Names of those ill Advisers who have daringly presumed thus to
 tread on the invaluable Rights of the Freemen of Maryland.

On reading whereof the Question was put that the House do
 assent to the same?

Resolved in the Affirmative

For the Affirmative

Buchanan,	Richardson,	Thomas,	
Ringgold,	Moale,	Chamberlaine,	
Johnson,	Risteau,	T. Wright,	
Chase,	Deye,	So. Wright,	
Mackall,	Ward,	Earle,	
Weems,	Beall,	Lockett,	
Grahame,	Tyler,	Wootton,	
Smallwood,	Contee,	Beatty,	
Harrison,	Hall,	Hagar.	
Ware,	Paca,		[31]
Adams,	Tilghman,		

For the Negative

Gresham,	Hammond,	Baxter.	[3]
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Daniel of Saint Thomas Jenifer Esq.^r from the Upper House
 delivers to M.^r Speaker a Bill entitled An Act for the directing the
 Sale of the Lands of John Stone Hawkins late of Prince George’s