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2.<sup>d</sup> Inspectors rechosen to give timely Notice, or failing thereof, to be considered as an actual Refusal.

3.<sup>d</sup> Time of closing the Inspection limited by our Bill to the 20.<sup>th</sup> of August you contend ought to be the last of July.

4.<sup>th</sup> Penalties and Mode of Recovery

5.<sup>th</sup> Whether the Alternative be extended to Costs of Suit

6.<sup>th</sup> Officers fees including the Time of Execution and Payment

7.<sup>th</sup> Clergy's Dues

The Regulation of Officers fees as it is plainly a Matter of the great Importance and must necessarily take up a great deal of Time whenever it is settled, as many Points of Difference are likely to occur in it, and it being a Matter too in which several of the Honourable the Upper House are considerably interested, and therefore fairly presumable an Object of more immediate concern with them, was thought by the Lower House to be the Point which ought first of all to be settled; nor has the Event proved them to be mistaken. It is useless at this Time to go minutely through your Honours Reasoning on this Head. To our Objections against the Charge for recording Papers where the Service is not done the extravagant Charges of the Surveyors and Examiner, and the frequent Charge of Order in the Commissary's Office you have still reserved to yourselves to say, whether those Charges are proper or improper under the old Regulation and from your Reasoning in Support of them have left us little Hopes of being able to convince you of their Impropriety; and till then, your repeated Assurance that you will not agree to any Reduction of fees properly chargeable according to the old Table must secure those Charges from being prevented in future. When we asserted that the Charge for recording was made where the Service was not done, we confined our Ideas to what were  
p. 274 or were not Records in this Province and altho' we have Reason to believe that Records are kept in Rolls in the Mother Country, we consider the Books either small or large in which the Clerks enter the Proceedings of the Courts here, to be Records of the Proceedings of our Courts, and that when the Declarations &.ta are not recorded, and this Idea we think is confirmed not only by several of the Allowances in the Tables for recording, but also by the long continued Practice of recording in small or large Books in all the Offices; and by the Acts of Assembly in 1716 and 1742 by which the Secretary and other Officers are bound to find a Supply of good and sufficient Record Books necessary for entering up all Matters &.ta

The Commissary General's Charge for Services not performed by him but which are performed by his Deputies and for which those Deputies are paid you strenuously support. You do not even allege there is any Degree of Justice in such Charge, but ground yourselves on your Construction of the Table and uniform usage and Practice