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L. H. J. Register in Chancery, and William Steuart, Clerk of the Land Office, Liber No. 54 and requested them to inform your Committee what Fees are taken or charged in the said Offices, and by what Authority they are so taken, to which your Committee obtained Answers in Writing which are hereto annexed.

> All which is submitted to the Consideration of the Honourable House

> > Signed by Order, Tho.⁸ Brooke Hodgkin, Cl. Com.

To the Gentlemen of the Lower House appointed a Committee to inspect the publick Offices.

Gentlemen,

Whilst the late Inspection Law was in Force, the Fees in the Secretary's Office were charged according to the Directions of that Law. Ever since that Law fell the Lawyers practising in the Provincial Court have ordered Executions comprehending the Costs. By the Honourable Judges of the Provincial Court, I was directed p. 321 to make out the Costs according to the said Rates, and I have been ordered and directed by the Secretary to charge the Fees of the said Office according to the said Rates, with this Difference, that they who make Tobacco and they who do not make Tobacco may choose to pay in Tobacco, or in Money after the Rate of 12/6 per 100th Tobacco: and in this Manner the Fees of the Secretary's Office have been charged to the Suitors.

> I am, Gentlemen, your most obedient humble Servant

Annapolis, 22.d June, 1773.

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Gentlemen,

In due Compliance with your Directions to me, I beg Leave to inform you, that in Pursuance of the Directions of the Commissary General. I have continued to charge the Fees due to him, since the Expiration of the late Inspection Law, according to the Table of Fees settled by that Law, whilst it remained in Force; with the Alternative to the People, to pay, either in Tobacco, or in Money at twelve Shillings and six Pence for every hundred Pound of Tobacco.

I am. Gentlemen.

To the Honourable the Committee appointed to inspect the Publick Offices

Your most obedient Humble Servant Elie Vallette, Register of the Prerogative Office

Annapolis the 22.d June, 1773

Gentlemen,

Whilst the late Inspection Law was in Force, the Fees in the Chancery Office were charged according to the Directions of that