

If this Difficulty arising from the Claims of the Clergy can be removed, we shall be willing to proceed on the other Matters, and in Regard to the Fees of Officers, we must inform you, that it is our unalterable Resolution not to admit of any further Reduction than that very considerable one which must necessarily result from the Election to be given to all Persons to pay in Money or Tobacco, and that so far we do and shall absolutely adhere to the Old Regulation but if any Abuses have really happened in the Charges, under the Old Table, and an Explanation or Correction should appear to be necessary for the prevention of such Abuses in future, we are willing that the Old Table shall be explained and corrected with this view, and as you have declared it to be your Intention to Explain and Correct the Old Table, we cant but think that the Subject to be considered must properly be the Old Table, for the very Purpose of discovering and determining wherein it is defective, and what Explanation or Correction may be requisite.

Gentlemen of the Upper House of Assembly.

Understanding that a Conference is to take place between the two Houses on the depending Inspection Bill, and recollecting what passed at the last Session in respect of the Clergys dues, I think myself Obliged to inform you, that if a similar Regulation to what was then proposed should be Established, many Ministers, who now have but a scanty provision, would be reduced to a State of much Indigence and Distress, and that it will not be in my Power to Assent to such a Regulation. I do not know whether this Intimation may be Consistent with the usual manner of Proceeding or not, but I hope you will think it agreeable to the Character of Candour and justified by the Occasion. p. 579

1.st November 1771.

Rob.^t Eden.

The Conferees adjourn until to Morrow Morning 11 oClock

Friday Morning the 8.th of November 1771.

The Conferees met according to Adjournment

Present as Yesterday.

The Conferees Adjourn until to Morrow Morning 11 oClock

Saturday Morning 9.th of November 1771.

The Conferees met according to Adjournment

Present as Yesterday

The Conferees Adjourn until Monday 4 oClock in the Afternoon.

U. H. J.
Liber No. 36
Nov. 26