

which Offices were attempted to be regulated by the first mentioned Bill, have, in the Intercourse between the Two Houses, on the Subject of that Bill, and by their ultimate Rejection thereof, manifested an unreasonable Attachment to the Emoluments of Office, and by their Rejection of the said other Bills, that House hath evinced an unjustifiable Design to force this Branch of the Legislature, by the Feelings of the People, into a Regulation of Fees more correspondent to those Schemes of Wealth and Power, which it is much to be apprehended are formed by some of the great Officers of this Government, and which, if carried into Execution, will tend to the Oppression of the People, and, in the End, greatly endanger their Liberties.

By the Lower House of Assembly, Nov. 21, 1770. Ordered, That the above Resolves be immediately printed in this Week's Maryland Gazette, and continued therein Three Weeks successively. Signed by Order, JOHN DUCKETT, Cl. Lo. Ho.

ON the Twenty-sixth Day of November, in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy, came before me the Subscriber, one of his Lordship's Justices of the Provincial Court, Reverend Gifford, Gent. Clerk of the said Court, and made Oath on the Holy Evangelists, that the Charges in the Secretary's Office, for filing and recording Papers in Actions discontinued, abated, struck off, or agreed; for all Issues made up; for issuing a Venire Facias for Jurors; for Copy Judgment on issuing Executions, and for Search and Copy of Judgment on issuing Scire Facias, have, in every Instance, to the best of this Deponent's Memory and Belief, been the same in every Respect, (according to the Nature of the Case) for and during the Time of the present Secretary, as they uniformly had been before his Appointment to the Office of Secretary, from the Time that this Deponent was first appointed Clerk of the Provincial Court, and also for many Years before. That when this Deponent first entered on his Office of Clerk of the said Court, he had Recourse to the Fee Books in the Office, for his Direction how to make out the Charges, and among others, several Fee Books in the Hands Writing of Mr. Richard Burdett, late Clerk of the said Court, and of Mr. Thomas Johnson, Junr. as he this Deponent verily believes, lodged in the said Office, by which Fee Books this Deponent has been principally guided in his Manner of charging Fees; that particularly the Charges above-mentioned, for recording and filing Papers in Actions discontinued, abated, struck off, or agreed; for all Issues made up; for issuing a Venire facias for Jurors; for Copy of Judgment on issuing Executions, and for Search and Copy Judgment on issuing Scire Facias, which have been made by this Deponent, have always, ever since this Deponent hath been Clerk of the Provincial Court, been, to the best of this Deponent's Judgment and Belief, agreeable to the said Fee Books.

And this Deponent further faith, that he never has been, in any Manner or Way, or at any Time whatever, directed by the present Secretary, to charge any Fee or Fees; but that this Deponent hath been entirely left to pursue his own Methods, except in the following Instance, to wit, when a Sheriff has returned any Fee denied by the Party charged, this Deponent hath received the Secretary's Directions, carefully to examine, whether the Fee denied had been justly or erroneously charged, and if justly, to write to the Sheriff to compel Payment, if erroneously, not to compel it.

And this Deponent also faith, That at the Beginning of said October Session, this Deponent was intrusted by the Secretary, to give any Members of the Lower House, who should apply for the same, all the Information this Deponent was able, of the Proceedings in the Secretary's Office, which this Deponent accordingly did, in every Respect, where desired. And this Deponent faith, that he never, to the best of his Memory and Belief, heard, before the last Session of Assembly, any Complaint, that any Fees charged in the Secretary's Office were illegally or improperly charged, except in Two Instances, where, in Mr. Thomas Ringgold, about a Year or Two ago, objected to the Charge of short Copy Judgment, on issuing an Execution, and also for a Charge of Three Pounds of Tobacco, for entering a Release (on a Bond) of the Penalty, on Payment of Principal, Interest, and Cost. Sworn before PHILIP THOMAS LES.

Part-Tobacco, November 15, 1770. THE Inspection Law being expired, we, the Buyers of Tobacco, whose Names are underwritten, believing it agreeable to the Sentiments of the People, think it expedient to publish the Method we intend to pursue, in Case there be no Inspection Law made by the Assembly now sitting. As we think it will be advantageous to the Country, that the Tobacco should go soon to Market, and of as good Quality as before the Expiration of the Inspection-Law, and that the Exportation of Virginia Trash from Maryland should be as much as possible prevented, we therefore agree as follows:

First, That we will not buy any Tobacco but what shall be brought to some of the Warehouses now built, (or which may be built by us in Case the present Proprietors refuse to rent their Houses) and there viewed from the First Day of November, till the last Day of July, inclusive, as was customary under the late Law, by some Person or Persons, to be appointed by us as Receivers; which Person or Persons, shall give Bond and Security, and be upon Oath, if the People require to receive only Tobacco, sound, well conditioned,

and merchantable, and to refuse none shall be subject to a Review of the Tobacco received by them, in the Manner practised under the late Law, by indifferent Persons, one to be chosen by the Owner, another by the Receiver of Tobacco, and a Third, if needful.

When the Receivers shall have viewed Hogheads of Tobacco, (by breaking each Hoghead in three different Places at least) and shall think fit to receive them, or any of them, the Persons offering such Tobacco, shall (after they have carefully secured the Tobacco in the Hogheads, and stowed such Hogheads in the Houses where the Receivers shall direct) be entitled to a Receipt, signed by the said Receiver, expressing the Marks, Numbers, Weights and Qualities, which have been usual under the late Law; which Receipts shall be taken by us in Payment for the Quantities therein expressed, with such Allowance for Cask as may be agreed on; but no Receipts shall be given, unless for Hogheads containing Nine Hundred Pounds of Tobacco at least; and all smaller Quantities shall be received by us as Transfer, with a Deduction of six per Cent. upon Certificates of the Quantities received, signed by the said Receivers.

Secondly, The Subscribers in each County are to meet upon the reasonable Request of any one of them, and appoint Receivers, and agree with them, and with the Proprietors of Houses, as to every Point necessary for carrying the present Regulation into Effect. Alexander Hamilton, David Walker, Robert Buchanan, Matthew Blair, Archibald Campbell, John Mason, Daniel Stephenson, John Ferguson, Jeremiah Beall, William Deakin, junr. Thomas Caggett, William Guyther, Robert Peter, Archibald Clark.

By the Committee appointed to inspect the publick Offices, and to enquire from the several Officers, their Deputies, Registers, or Clerks, into the annual Amount of the Fees that have accrued due to the said Officers of this Province for Seven Years last past.

In Obedience to the Order of the Honourable House, your Committee have inquired into the Amount of Fees in several of the Offices, and do report as follows:

SECRETARY'S FEES in the Provincial Court. Table with 2 columns: Year (1763-1769) and Amount in £ Tob. (180,496 to 244,990).

SECRETARY'S FEES in the Chancery Court. Table with 2 columns: Year (1763-1769) and Amount in £ Tob. (45,237 to 42,098).

Two of your Committee applied to the Examiner, for the Account of his Fees for Seven Years last past, who answered, in general, that he had not made any Lists of Fees but what were sent to the Sheriffs annually, and could only know the Amount by having Recourse to their Accounts and Returns, and at present was unable to do it.

Your Committee applied also to the Register of the Commissary's Office, and were informed, by Letter from him, that he was so unwell as to be incapable of leaving his Bed; that he was ready to give all the Information in his Power; that to the best of his Remembrance the Fees in 1763, and 1764, amounted to about 224,000, in 1765, and the following Years down to 1769, to about 230,000, and in 1769, by Reason of Papers not coming timely to Hand to charge in the preceding Year's Fees, they amounted to about 280,000.

Your Committee afterwards understanding Mr. Vallette was better, went to his Office again, and obtained a Sight of his Fee Books, many of which we found not added up or the Fees listed, and in some Years, where the Amount was cast up, the same was marked by Letters, the Solution of which your Committee not being acquainted with, could come at no Certainty; Those Fee Books they could best understand they did examine, particularly in 1768, and found the total Amount 236,699, and in 1769, the total Amount was 268,149.

The Amount of Fees furnished by the Clerk of the Land-Office was as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Year (1763-1769) and Amount in £ Tob. (526,525 to 382,600).

All which is submitted to the Consideration of the Honourable House. Signed per Order, JOHN JOHNSON, Clk. Com. Oct. 31, 1770.

SECOND REPORT. BY the Committee appointed to inspect the publick Offices, and to enquire from the several Officers, their Deputies, Registers, or Clerks, into the annual Amount of the Fees that have accrued due to the said Offices of this Province for Seven Years last past.

Since giving in our former Report relative to the Examiner-General, and the other Offices, your Committee have received, from the Clerk of the Council and Examiner-General, an Estimate of the Amount of his Fees in both those Departments for the Years 1767, 1768, and 1769, which are as followeth, viz.

CLERK of the COUNCIL. Table with 2 columns: Year (1767-1769) and Amount in £ Tob. (7281 to 7744). EXAMINER-GENERAL. Table with 2 columns: Year (1767-1769) and Amount in £ Tob. (52,182 to 63,109).

All which is submitted to the Consideration of the Honourable House. Signed per Order, JOHN JOHNSON, Clk. Com. Oct. 12, 1770.

FRIDAY, November 2, 1770. On Motion, ORDERED, That the Report of the Committee appointed to inspect the publick Offices, and to enquire from the several Officers, their Deputies, Registers, or Clerks, into the annual Amount of the Fees that have accrued due to the said Officers of this Province for Seven Years last, of the Third Day of October; and also the Report of the same Committee of the Twelfth Day of October be printed in the next Week's Maryland Gazette, and be continued for Six Weeks successively. Signed per Order, JOHN DUCKETT, Clk. Lo. Ho.

THE DROPSY, undertaken (no Cure no Pay) BY the Subscriber, living in the Town of Vienna, on Nanticoke River, in Dorchester County; he having had great Success in a Method of Cure, without Tapping, for Twelve Years last past, hereby gives Notice, that he will undertake all dropsical Patients, whose Disorders are not mortally complicated with a Consumption of the Lungs or Stone in the Kidnies or Bladder, &c. provided they will board convenient to him, furnish themselves with such Necessaries as he shall direct for their Regimen, giving him a reasonable Time for Administration; and that in such Case, if he does not relieve them he will not expect any Satisfaction for his Medicines and Attendance: He also thinks proper to inform those afflicted with this Disorder, that he looks upon those dropsical Indispositions which proceed from the Ague, slow Fevers, or Loss of Blood, as most certainly curable, by following proper Prescriptions. All those who have Thoughts of Trial under his Care need not doubt Board and good Nursing in this Town, they bringing suitable Bedding with them. (w6) WILLIAM WHELAND.

St. Mary's County, Dec. 5, 1770. On the 20th Day of February next ensuing, will be SOLD, at Publick Vendue, on the Premises, ALL the Real Estate of Richard Heard, late of the said County, deceased, agreeable to an Act of Assembly, in that Case provided, for the Payment of the Debts of the said Richard Heard; that is to say, One Tract called Thompson's Purchase, formerly called Mary Taylor's Plantation, lying in the said County, containing 180 Acres; one other Tract or Parcel of Land in the same County, being Part of the Cross Manor, containing 100 Acres. Also One other Tract or Parcel of Land, called Cross-Manor, lying in the County aforesaid, containing Three Acres. Also Part of a Tract of Land, now called Heard's Lot, formerly called the Cross, lying in the said County, containing one Acre; a Copy of the Act of Assembly for the Sale of the above Lands, properly authenticated, will be shown by the Subscriber at the Time of Sale, (or before) if required, for the Information and Satisfaction of any Person inclinable to purchase. (w10) JOHN HEARD.

December 4, 1770. To be SOLD, on Monday the 7th of January next, if fair, if not, the next fair Day, at the late Dwelling-House of Mary Hammond, deceased, on the North Side of Severn River, A PARCEL of Country born NEGROES, consisting of Men, Women and Boys; also all the Stock of Horses, black Cattle, Hogs and Utensils, on the said Plantation, for ready Money. The Sale to begin at 11 o'Clock, and continue till all are sold. GREENBURY HAMMOND, } Execut. (4w) JOHN HAMMOND.

N. B. All Persons who have any Claims against the Estate of Mary Hammond, are desired to bring them in legally proved, and those who are indebted to the said Estate are desired to make speedy Payment. JONATHAN JONES, SADDLE-TREE-MAKER, In Gay-Street, near the upper Bridge, in Baltimore-Town, at the House of Gerard Hopkins, Cabinet-Maker; MAKES and sells the following Kinds after the neatest and most fashionable Manner, viz. Square Cattle, hunting, side common, and common Mens hunting Trees. All Foreign Orders when received will be punctually complied with, as he has now on Hand a good Assortment which he will dispose of on reasonable Terms, with an Allowance to those that take a Quantity. For further Particulars enquire as above. (w3) November 29, 1770.

ALL Persons having any Claims against the Estate of John Bradford, late of Prince-George's County, deceased, are desired to bring them in, that they may be adjusted, and those indebted to make immediate Payment. (w4) GEORGE DIGGES, Administrator.

November 17, 1770. THE Subscriber has set up Store at Elk Ridge, Landing, where he sells the following Articles Wholesale and Retail, viz. West-India Rum, Loaf and Muscovado Sugar, Molasses, Chocolate, Tea, Rice, Candles, hard Soap, Snuff, coarse and fine Salt. As he has an Opportunity of being supplied with the above Articles at the best Hand, those who are pleased to favour him with their Custom, may depend on being served on the most reasonable Terms for Cash, Wheat, Corn, or Flax-Seed. (w6) WALTER DENT.

Annapolis, Nov. 29, 1770. CHOICE old Barbados Spirit and common Rum, by the Hoghead, or smaller Quantity, Muscovado and Loaf Sugar, Coffee, Chocolate, Candles, Soap, &c. to be sold by THOMAS B. HODGKIN, on reasonable Terms, at his House near the Church.

THE Subscriber intends in Six Weeks to Lisbon, for the Recovery of his Health; begs all those Persons that have any Claims against him to bring them in, that they may be settled.

At the same Time entreats those that are indebted to him, would come and settle their Accounts. It is not those Friends I mean, who have been so obliging as to pay off their Balances once a Year or Two; it is those who are indebted from Three to almost Eleven Years, and who, I am apprehensive, may, in my Absence, exclaim against my Accounts. However, notwithstanding the long Credits, if they will come and settle their respective Balances before I depart the Province, all Errors shall be rectified, and longer Indulgence granted, if required; if not, I shall leave them to the Discretion of my Attorney, who will be properly authorized to settle all Matters relating to my Effects. (2w) JAMES LEEPER.

I have some good Road Horses and Oxen to dispose of for ready Money. Frederick-Town, Frederick County, Nov. 4, 1770.

THE Partnership of Mitchell and Cary, being now near expired, all Persons indebted to them, are desired to make Payment between this Time and the First Day of January next, otherwise they will be sued and warranted before March Court. All Persons who have any just Claims against said Partnership, are desired to send them in, that they may be adjusted and paid. (3w) MITCHELL & CARY.

Those who are indebted to John Cary for former Dealings with him in said Town, are desired to pay between this and the above Time, as no longer Indulgence will be given. JOHN CARY.

Baltimore County, Nov. 15, 1770. THE Creditors of John Cromwell, late of Annapolis County, deceased, are desired forthwith to make known the Amount, and Nature of their respective Claims to the Subscriber (who will either undertake the Execution of the Deceased's Will, or, on Request, assist such Person or Persons, as shall be appointed to the Administration of the Estate) in order that the same may be adjusted and satisfied, so far as the said Estate shall extend. (w1) GEORGE RISTEAU.

Baltimore-Town, Nov. 24, 1770. SUPPOSED to be taken for Convenience, or by Mistake, from Mr. Little's Corner Parlour, on Wednesday last, between the Hours of X and XI o'Clock at Night, a Beaver Coating Surtout, in the left Pocket of which was a Pair of Buckskin Gloves. The Owner finding himself rather the worse for not having it, desires it should be returned to Mr. Little.

THERE is at the Plantation of Lodowick Rater, living in Baltimore County, on the Head of Pipe Creek, taken up as a Stray, a small black Horse, about Four Years old, branded on the near Buttock thus [near the Hip]. The Owner may have him again, by proving his Property, and paying Charges. (w3) Annapolis, November 16, 1770.

WHEREAS it has been represented to his Excellency the Governor, that about Three or Four Months past, the Mill-Dam of George Pusy, lying in Frederick County, near Little Winchester, was pulled down and destroyed in such a Manner as entirely prevented the Conveyance of any Water to the Mill, by some malicious and ill disposed Persons, unknown, to the great Damage of him the said George Pusy: His Excellency, for the better discovering and bringing to publick Justice, the Person or Persons, who, against his Lordship's Peace, pulled down and destroyed the said Mill-Dam, doth promise his Lordship's Pardon, for such Offence, to any one of them, (the Principal and Principals only excepted) who shall discover the Person or Persons concerned in the said Fact, so that he, she, or they, may be apprehended and convicted thereof. Signed by Order, U. SCOTT, Cl. Con.

And as a further Encouragement, the Subscriber, living in Baltimore County, doth promise a Reward of FIFTY DOLLARS to any one who shall make a Discovery of any Person or Persons concerned in the above-mentioned Offence, so that he, she, or they, may be brought to Justice, and convicted thereof. WILLIAM COX.