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Subsequent Article in the Journal of Jan. 20  
Evidently demonstrates for in the Tax Set upon  
the next Article the Clerk is allowed to charge  
16 pounds of Tobacco for drawing any Proceeding  
if it be above half a Side. Now the Proceeding  
half a Side of a leaf & the being above half  
a Side, are in themselves synonymous Terms &  
signify the same thing so that I humbly con-  
ceive the Assembly intended to give the Clerk  
the same fee for the Article complained of as  
was given him by the former recited Act of  
Assembly & that the Clerk ought to have been  
8 pounds of Tobacco for all proceedings that did  
not exceed half a Side of a leaf. Double that is  
to say sixteen pounds of Tobacco for all proceed-  
ing above half a Side & not two several fees for  
one of the same Service as it now stands rated by  
Act of Assembly. —

I must begg leave further to offer to your  
Excellency that whereas in the former recited Act  
of Assembly the Clerk was allowed 40 pounds of Tob<sup>o</sup>  
for the continuance of every Bill in Chancery. But by  
the late Law for ascertaining Officers Treas<sup>r</sup> Secretary  
is allowed onely 4 pounds of Tobacco for the same  
Service; which I likewise humbly conceive to be an in-  
justice of the Transcription. for it seems unreasonable  
to imagine that the Act of Assembly afore recited —  
should reduce to 4 pounds of Tobacco that Service.