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Clauses w<sup>ch</sup> respect the Limitation of Officers fees & the Regulation  
of Coin. A Bill (I learn is preparing in the Lower House to enact  
(in his Majesty's pleasure is) that part of the first above mentioned Law w<sup>ch</sup>  
regards the Foreclosure of Mortgages, but I despair of seeing them  
prevailed on to repeal any part of the Inspection Law on any Account  
whatsoever, in that Case the Gent<sup>l</sup> of the Upper House propose to  
Address this Day to let the Law continue in force in its present form  
& to set forth the several Reasons that induced them to concur with  
the Lower House in passing it; for my own part as I have already  
offered such Reasons as occurred to me in favour of the Law I  
will not presume to enlarge again thereon, but will only hope  
that this Day will excuse my consenting thereto after this Day's  
Council, & all that I consulted or conversed with were unanimous in  
favour of the Clauses against w<sup>ch</sup> the principal Objections lay.  
So infatuated was the Majority of the House of Burgesses as to  
think the Law as far as it respects Tob<sup>o</sup> evil in itself, & therefore  
were disposed to crush it, but to prevent the general Confusion  
& uneasiness that w<sup>d</sup> attend the sinking of a Law which regulated  
Officers fees they agreed to pass it with some few Alterations from  
the former Law & the Addition of the Clause relating to the Value  
of Coin. That these Articles w<sup>d</sup> be recoded from the Upper  
House found there was no room to hope, & therefore consented to the Law  
as it is, for the Reasons that I have before hinted & which I apprehend  
they will offer more at large in the Address that they intend to  
present to this Day thereon. There certainly ought (as you observe)  
to have been farther Acknowledgments made to this Day but there  
being none in the Inspection Law that expired at that time  
was vain then to insist on the Insertion of such Clauses or Jurors  
in this Act. The Example, also of the former will I hope, plead  
my excuse for permitting any Paragraph concerning Officers fees to  
be made a part of the present Act; beside in Allegation of that  
seeming impropriety you will please to consider that the Regulation  
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