

It is the Opinion of this house that Encouragement should be given to those who  
in the Country, but the Method pursuant therunto the same to his Excellency and Council to prescribe

Signed by Order Hen: Dutton & Company

The said Petition referred by this Board to further Consideration -

These following Bills viz. for Religion - Concerning Indians - Against Foreigners -  
Concerning Horses; Election of Burgesses - Concerning Negroes and Slaves - and for payment of  
Criminals fees sent to the house by Captain Courts -

Adjourn for an hour

Met again, and present as before

Came Mr: Wynn and Mr: Clark from the house with some Bills which they are to  
speak to - The Act for Limitation of Officers fees - as to the first Objection the Ascertaining -  
the Chancellors fee for Transcribing the Laws & they say that the Settlement as it was former-  
ly was very unequal and unjust for sometimes the fee there appointed might be too much and  
other times Nothing near the Value according as the Laws to be transcribed might extend to number  
or Length of writing besides in the latter end of this Act there is a Clause empowering the Governor  
and Council in such case where any service should happen to be done by the Officers and no fees  
for the same Ascertained to settle and Ascertain such fee as he shall think fit, and as to the In-  
equality Alleged between the Secretary and Clerks fees to the Clerks they say that both the  
Secretary and the Clerks in other things have other very Considerable fees allowed them where  
the Clerks has nothing and therefore in those few particulars they thought fit to Advance his  
fee -

The Act concerning Religion they think most proper to consider of and make  
Provision for Glebes when the parishes are settled and paid out. -

The Act for Election of Members or Burgesses & they will further Consider of and so  
take that back with them -

So his Excellency the Captain General & the honourable Council in Assembly

The Humble Petition of Thomas Tench -

Humbly Sheweth

That your Petitioner has brought his Writ of Error against a Judgment Obtained  
against him by William Hopkins in the Provincial Court, which Errors are now Depending  
to be Argued before your honours this Assembly, He humbly prays a certain Day may be pre-  
fixed when your Petitioner and the said Hopkins may attend your Excellency and this Honourable  
Board with their Attorneys to Argue the same -

And he shall pray &

Monday next the 30th of May is appointed for hearing the errors and Ordered that  
Notice be given to the Parties with their Council to attend. -

Ordered the reading of those Bills before the Board viz.

An Act Regulating Ordinaries & read 2. time and passed -

An Act for Limitation of Officers fees read again and passed

An Act for Election of Sheriffs Indorsed May 26th 1742 read 1. time read here

An Act Touching Copiers and the Gage of Tobacco was Indorsed May 26th 1742  
times - read here first time and ought to be indorsed

An Act for preservation of Orphans real Estates Indorsed May the 25th