

Resolved a Bill be brought in for that Purpose which (Bill being prepared was brought in and read the first and second Time and by especial Order will pass And Ordered Mr Hornsley Mr Lee Mr Robins and Mr Whittington carry the Bill up to the Hon^{ble} Council for Concurrence They return and say they delivered the Bill Colo Esmaells Mr Hall and Colo Whittington enter the House and deliver the aforesaid Bill for Officers Fees Indorsed November 4th 1709 By the Council in Assembly Read the first Time and this Bill will pass on being continued until the End of the next Session of Assembly which shall first happen after the Arrival of a next Gen^l and Gov^r in Chief of this Province such Session being proper to regulate the Officers Fees in which we then shall readily join Signed by Order W Bladen C^o L^o

Which Bill and Indorsment being read in the House it is ordered the same be indorsed thus By the House of Delegates November 2th 1709 Read the third Time with the Indorsment and the House cannot consent to the Amendment proposed but pray the Bill may pass with this Amendment to continue for and until the End of the first Session of Assembly or the End of six Months which shall first happen after the Arrival of the next Gen^l Signed by Order W. Taylard C^o L^o Do S^o

Which being read it was sent up again to the Council by Colo Smith, Mr Hornsley, Mr Darr and Mr Robins for their Honours Concurrence They return and say they delivered the Bill. Colo William Holland Colo Greenfield and Colo Greenberry enter the House and bring with them the aforesaid Bill for revising the Act for Officers Fees with the following Indorsment By the Council in Assembly November 4th 1709 Read the second Time and the Houses Amendment agreed to and past for ingrossing Signed by Order W Bladen C^o L^o

Which being read, it is again read the 4th Time and past for ingrossing The Committee of Aggrievances enter the House and report as follow Viz^t That it is an Aggrievance to the several Inhabitants of this Province that the several Sheriffs within the same Province do refuse to take for their publick Duos goods Merchantable Tobacco when tendered them on Discount when they have Orders drawn on them payable to any Planter for publick Duos but on the contrary propose on the Poor by executing their fines Tobacco if they do not comply upon their Terms saying that it is at their Election to pay their Claims at any Part of the County tho' never so inconvenient to the Party claiming Which being read and debated in the House it is Resolved an Aggrievance and ordered the Committee of Laws bring in a Bill this Session to relieve that Evil. Likewise it is represented as an Aggrievance to the Inhabitants in Gen^l that there should be Liberty given to any Persons to hire any Lawyers practicing the Law in any Courts within this Province for any certain Sum of Am^t which gives great Encouragement to the Person hiring such Lawyer to bring as many Actions as they can in Consideration that the Fees due to the Lawyer belong to himself which perhaps in the Year amount to a considerable Sum more than what he is to pay the Lawyer which gives Room to judge that if the same Person was to pay a fee in every Action he would bring the fewer but to be sure he will endeavour whether Occasion or not to bring as many Actions in the Year as will amount to the Sum he is to pay his Lawyer which is humbly offered to the Hon^{ble} House of Delegates to consider thereof Signed by Order W Bladen C^o L^o Do S^o