

Which being read together with her Majesty's Instructions the House took the same into Consideration and being debated was put to the Question whether a Bill be brought to amend the Gauge of Tobacco &c according to the Gauge in Virginia or not - Carried in the Affirmative Resolved a Bill be brought in to ascertain the Gauge of Tobacco &c to be 48 Inches in the Diameter of the Head within the Chime and forty eight Inches in the Length of the Stave under the Penalty of 500^l Tobacco or 50^l Sterling to be paid by the Planter to the Use of the County where the Offence shall be committed

Resolved a Bill be brought in to prevent Masters of Ships from cropping, Queering or defrauding Tobacco under the Penalty of 50^l to the Use of the Party damaged - Peter Saunders Stephen Rasthoun, and William Fordy Petition praying Naturalization

Read and Resolved Leave be given to bring in a Bill accordingly
Mr John Rousby Naval Officer for Calcutta District appeared in the House according to Order and produced Carnaby's Entry Bond. And Ordered the same be delivered to Mr Attorney General to consider of and endeavour to recover the Money due to the Country for the Duty of those Negroes that entered.

Mr Rousby delivered a List of his Naval Officers Fees and Commission for Mr Plater's being Receiver of her Majesty's Revenue; and as to his and Mr Plater's publick Accounts said they were sent to England and he only accountable to the Governor and Council

Mr John Danfoys's List of Fees laid before the House pursuant to Order of last Session
Colo Greenberry and Colo Tilghman enter the House and deliver Mr Speaker the Oath of Fidelity
By the Council in Assembly October 25th 1711

Since we have so often let you know we cannot advise the President to act any Thing contrary to her Majesty's Instructions we admire you should now insist upon regulating the Act for limiting Officers Fees, having formerly agreed to refer that Matter to the Arrival of a Captain General which as it cannot be expected will be long so it will also be the most proper and convenient Time to settle those Fees and therefore we propose that the Law be renewed as heretofore lest for want thereof the Officers be obliged to prosecute Actions for their Fees to the great Oppression of the Good People of the Province We cannot consent to any Regulation of that Law at this Time and therefore think it will be to no Purpose to spend Time in Conference thereon
Signed by Order Mr Laden & Co

Read in the House and referred for Consideration

Ordered the following Message be entered

By the House of Burgesses 25th October 1711
Upon reading the Petition of Mr Joseph Lambert on Behalf of Mr John Sillingston's Children, this House are of Opinion that the whole forty Pounds of Tobacco of Gold ought to be paid to Mr Sillingston's Children for that Year in which their Father died, and on their Behalf pray the Honble President and Council to order the Sheriff to pay the same to them.
Signed by Order Aun. Gallam & Co. Sec. Del.

Sent up to the Council of Mr John Marshall and Mr Thomas Robins -

They return and say they delivered their Message