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By the House of Delegates July 1<sup>st</sup> 1716. Read the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Times by special  
Order and will pass. Signed J. Oden Tho. Mainwaring H. Ho. Deb.

Sent up by Mr. Tyler, Mr. Stoddart Major Woolford, Capt. ~~Ed.~~, Capt. Tupper, Captain  
Colgate, Capt. Greenfield and Mr. Wm. Whittington, Junr. to the Honble Council in  
Assembly. They return and say they delivered the same  
Col Coursoy, Col. Whittington and John Dorsey Esq. from the Honble the Council  
onto the House and deliver Mr. Speaker the Bill for Limitation of Officers Fees  
with the following Endorsement vizt

By the Council in Assembly June the 30<sup>th</sup> 1714  
This Bill being read and debated at the Board it is thought if it should pass  
and the Officers Fees be reduced as is thereby proposed it will not only discourage  
Men of good Learning Integrity and Parts to accept of some of the inferior Offices  
therein mentioned but also lessen and debate the State and Dignity of the superior  
Officers who in their several Stations are most useful in this Province either in  
the administering of Justice or Execution thereof and ought to be handsomely sup-  
ported according to their several Characters not only for the sake of their own merit  
and Capacities but for the Honour of the Government itself whereof they are the  
immediate Ministers. Therefore this Board cannot agree to the Bill, but desire the  
former Law may be revived with the explanatory Act thereto. His Excellency the  
Governor and this Board inclining not only to encourage and support such Officers  
as diligently and faithfully discharge their Duty but likewise to punish and  
suppress those that are any way guilty of Bribery, Extortion, Negligence or any  
other unfaithful Misdemeanors in the Execution of the several Offices and Trusts  
reposed in them according to the utmost Severity of the Law.

Signed J. Oden W. Bladen Secy.

Which Bill is sent back to the Honble Council by Mr. Tyler, Mr. Carnott, Mr. Stoddart  
Capt. Colgate, Capt. Emaler and Major Woolford with the following Endorsement vizt

By the House of Delegates July 1<sup>st</sup> 1714. If your Honours will peruse the  
Journal of Assembly hold in 1709 you will find therein that your Honour were  
pleased to promise readily to join with us in regulating the Officers Fees on the arrival  
of a Capt. Genl. The Fees in many Particulars are exorbitant and tend to the Oppres-  
sion of the People. We are humbly of Opinion that the Fees as in this Bill  
limited considering the Multiplicity of Business are sufficient decently to support  
as well Judicial as Ministerial Officers therefore pray this Bill may pass

Signed J. Oden Tho. Mainwaring H. Ho. Deb.

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