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after the Amendments proposed to the Bill and even before they were debated in your House. The Merchants in England may justly complain that for want of due Encouragement given such Attorneys they cannot find fit Persons to prosecute their Actions in those Courts wherefore we must insist upon the Clause recommended to be added which is the only Delay given to the Bill. Signed & Ordered
W. Bladen Secy

Colo Edward Lloyd and Colo William Holland from the Honble Council enter the House and acquaint Mr Speaker that his Excellency very well approves of the Message sent by Mr Stoddart and other Members in Relation to the House and Court.

Colo Samuel Young and Colo Thomas Addison from the Honble Council enter the House and deliver Mr Speaker the Bill for reviving an Act for Limitation of Officers Fees and for supplying some Defects therein with the following Indorsement vizⁿ

By the Council in Assembly July 2^d 1714

This Bill being read and debated it is remarked that the explanatory Law thereto is omitted to be revived It is thought the Fee proposed to the Sheriff for keeping a Prisoner twenty four Hours in Custody and finding him Victuals is too little Therefore it is recommended that the Sheriff be allowed twenty Pounds of Tobo^o per Day for the first Month and 10^{lb} of Tobo^o a Day after and that the Sheriff may have Fees from convicted Criminals, but that no such Fee be charged to the Counties — Recommended that the Fees likewise to be allowed the Clerk of the Council in Assembly by this Board on private Bills be likewise on Execution with your Clerks Fees The Penalty of six thousand Pounds of Tobacco is thought sufficient to deter any Officer from extorting Fees and the disabling of them from executing their Offices for three Years may be a Snare any honest Officer may happen into even by Inadvertency of the Clerk to fall under wherefore we desire the said Amendments may be made to the Bill

Signed & Ordered

W. Bladen Secy

It is thereupon Ordered That the said Bill be committed to the Committee