

Duty that they turn him out and appoint another — The house adjourns
till to Morrow Morning Eight a'clock — Thursday June 4th the house met
According to Adjournment Yesterday's proceedings are read —

Ordered that his Excellency the Governour be allowed by the Comtee
for Laying the publick Levy the Sum of One hundred and Twenty pounds
Curr: Money to be by his said Excellency the Governour paid to the Bricklayer
on the finishing the publick work on the Stadt house hill according to
the Report — Engrast Supplement to the Act Relating to Serv: W: shoes
read and Ordered to be this Endorsed Viz: June 4th 1719 —

Read a Report by the Lower house of a Comtee Sign: Order W: Denifer & C: of
and sent to the Upper house by Mr. Crabb and Mr. James Smith they returned
and say they Deliver it — Viz: Hall from the Upper house Delivers Mr.
Speaker, Bill for Limitation of officers fees with the follow: Message viz:
By the Upper house of a Comtee June 4th 1719 Gent: On reading & considering

Your Message by Mr. Robert Tyler and Mr. Charles Wright relating to the Bill
for the Regulation of officers fees we cannot but think you too positive in
Resolving to Deprive the Country of the benefit of the former Law made
for that purpose (which we cannot but think has been very useful in
restraining the several Officers from charging & extorting excessive fees and
making them liable to a prosecution & penalty for so doing) rather than
Admitt of a Regulation of that bill now proposed by you, we are of Opinion as
well as you that some of the fees allowed several Officers by the former Law
are too highly Rated and may be reduced, but we think that the regulation
proposed in your bill does so much abridge the perquisites of some of those
Officers as not to afford a suff: Support for the Characters & Stations of those
who Exercise them, besides we conceive we should make but a very ingratefull
return to his Lordship our Governour for the many favours we acknowledge
to have received from him if we should at once so Extravagantly lessen the
revenues of those Officers who are their immediate Dependance & as we are
a part of the Legislature for this Province we think we have a right to
Interpose our Opinions & that such a regulation would have been much more
properly made by a Joynt Comtee consisting of some of the Members of both
houses — In fine Gent: we hope we have the Interest of our Country at Heart
as much as you and in Discharging our Duties believe we ought not to oppress
the poor nor do Injustice to the rich but to pay a just regard to all Degrees of
men by divine Providence Established amongst us. But if notwithstanding
what we now offer you resolve neither to revive the old Law nor admit a more
Moderate regulation of the new one by you proposed. we doubt not but that
the evil consequences which must necessarily follow such a resolution will be
Imputed to you and not to us, who resolve not to pass that bill as it now stands
Signed Order Both Board Clerk upper house.

Then the Question was put whether a for forance shall be agreed to as
desired or not — Carried in the Affirmation by the Majority of Votes
In answer to which the following Message was prepared Viz: —
By the Lower house of a Comtee June the 4th 1719

May it please your Honours we have considered your Message of this day
& viz: Hall with the bill for Limitation of Officers & tho' this House are not
willing