

If the facts set forth in the Complaint are true we concur with your Hon^{rs} in opinion that it is a great oppression and Discouragement to Trade and as to the overcharge of the fifteen Shillings and eight pence Currieny we are of opinion that the Complaint may be relieved by prosecuting on the act of Assembly that limits the Navall officers fees -

Signed Order Mr. Jenifer Ch. Lo. Ho.
And sent to the Upper house by Capt. Frisby and Mr. Taylor.

They return and say they delivered it -

Ordered, that Capt. Frisby and Mr. Turbut go to the upper house to see Mr. Bladen prove his Navall officers accounts -

They return and say they see him prove them -

Col^o. Coldison from the Upper house delivers Mr. Speaker the Bill to confirm Lands to Mary Hall thud Endors^d viz^t:

By the upper house of Assembly May 4th 3^o 1718.

Read the first and second times and will pass.

Signed by Order John Brant Ch. Upper Ho.

Which was read again in this house and pass^d for Engraving and sent to the Committee of Laws to be Engraved -

The following Message be prepared viz^t:

By the lower house of Assembly May 4th 3^o 1718.

May it please your Honours -

We have taken into Consideration your Message of Wednesday last by Messrs. Brooke and Hall in relation to the Deduction of Eighteen pence per cent from our Journals of our Journals of (May Assembly) 1717. We find that by a Message to your Honours of the Eighth of June last we made a clear State of that Case to which we shall only add that as that Money was raised conditionally for his Lordships use if he was pleased to accept thereof and if not for the Defraying the publick Charge so on his Lordships pleasure of acceptance being signified we wholly resigned our Interest therein for his Lordships use without any Claim of Deduction thereout but must confess if on his Lordships Refusal to accept it the Money had been applyed to y^e use of the publick the Navall officers would have had a right by Law to deduct their Salary of eight per cent of us and cannot alter our Opinions that as his Ex^{ty} accepted thereof he took it as it was raised under the like Incumbrances we should have had it in Case he had not accepted it but if any Dispute be in this part it can no wise affect us but lies properly betwixt his Lordship and those officers.

Signed Order - Mr. Jenifer Ch. Lo. Ho.