

we are of opinion as well as you that some of the fees allowed severally
 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 sufficient
 support for the Character and Stations of the persons who exercise them,
 besides we conceive we should make but a very ungrateful return to
 His Lordship and our Governour for the many favours we acknow-
 ledge to have received from them if we should at once so extravagantly
 lessen the revenues of those officers which are their immediate dependances
 and as we are a part of the Legislature for this Province we think we
 have a right to interpose our opinions and that such a regulation would
 have been much more properly made by a Joint Committee consisting
 of some of the Members of both Houses.

In fine Gents we hope we have the Interests of our Country at heart
 as much as you, and in discharging our Duties believe we ought not to
 be partial 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 for order - John Beard Cr. up. Ho.

Then the Question was put whether a Conference shall be agreed to
 as desired or not - Carried in the affirmative by the Majority of
 votes - In answer to which the following Message was passed

By the Lower House of Assembly June the 4th 1719
 (May it please your Honour) We have considered your
 Message of this day presg. Hall with the bill for Limitation of
 officers and thro' this House are not willing to consent to the Reviving
 the old act, yet they are willing that such of the Members of your House
 as you shall think fit to appoint may be joind with some of the
 Members of this House in a Conference for a necessary Regulation
 of those fees which if your House agrees to we desire the Gents may
 be appointed that they may proceed thereon this Morning.

Signed for order. W. Jenifer Cr. Lo. Ho.

And sent to the Upper House by W. Beale and W. Wright.

They return and say they Delivered it.

Journal of the Committee of Accounts Read and Ordered to be thus
 Printed. June 7th 1719 - Read and assented to
 by the Lower House of Assembly - Signed for order. W. Jenifer Cr. Lo. Ho.
 And sent to the Upper House by W. Hill and the rest of the Gents