

*John Rousby*, Esq; from the Upper House, delivers Mr. Speaker the following Message, viz.

By the Upper House of Assembly, *March 18, 1725.*

*Gentlemen,*

I N Answer to your Message by Mr. *Benjamin Mackall* and Mr. *Walter Smith*, and in Respect to the Report therewith sent from the Committee of Agrievances relating to the Complaints exhibited by sundry of the good People of this Province, against the late Management of the Secretary's and Commissary's Offices; we take Leave to observe that the Officers of those respective Offices having no Law to regulate their Fees by, may not be thought (by their late demands) so much to have oppress'd the Inhabitants of this Province, if it be consider'd how great a Disparity and Difference there is in respect of the real Value of the Fees paid to the said Officers, when they are and are not upon Execution. And tho' we conceive the Insisting on Money-Fees to be a Hardship on his Lordship's Tenants, as well as its being in the Option of Officers to demand what Fees they please; yet we are of Opinion, that the best Remedy to prevent the like Complaints for the future, will be to revive the late Law for regulating Officers Fees, until next Sessions of Assembly; at which Time there will be more Leisure to consider of this Affair, with a Clause to be added, That all Obligations taken in those Offices for such Fees as have accrued since the Expiration of the late Law, be void, and those Fees to be regulated and paid according to that Law.

*Sign'd per Order, G. P. Cl. Up. Ho.*

In Answer whereto the following Message is prepared, viz.

By the Lower House of Assembly, *March 18, 1725.*

*May it please your Honours,*

W E cannot come into the Measures you propose by your Message this Day by *John Rousby* Esq; as to the Reviving the late Law for regulating Officers Fees; but are willing (if your Honours think fit to concur with us therein) to the passing a Bill according to the Regulation proposed last Sessions by the Committee of both Houses, and to the adding a Clause, as well to make void all Obligations taken in those Offices, as for the refunding all Moneys received for the Fees that have accrued since the Expiration of the late Law, and those Fees to be paid according to the Regulation proposed last Sessions; which we hope you will concur with, as a happy Means of saving us the ungrateful Task of troubling his Honour the Governour with such Sollicitations on the Occasions mentioned in the Report of our Committee, as our Duty to our Country, in a most particular Manner, engages us to.

*Sign'd per Order, M. J. Cl. Lo. Ho.*

Which was sent to the Upper House by *Capt. King* and Mr. *Mackall*. They return, and say they deliver'd it.

*Benjamin Tasker*, Esq; from the Upper House delivers Mr. Speaker the following Message, viz.

By the Upper House of Assembly, *March 18, 1725.*

*Gentlemen,*

I N Answer to your Message by Mr. *King* and Mr. *Mackall*, relating to Officers Fees, we are willing to pass a Bill according to the Regulation proposed