

posed last Sessions by the Committee of both Houses, with the Amendments then proposed by this House, together with the additional Clause proposed in your Message.

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

The following Message is prepared, *viz.*

By the Lower House of Assembly, March 21, 1725.

May it please your Honours,

IN Answer to your Message of the 18th Instant, by *Benjamin Tasker, Esq;* relating to the Officers Fees, we desire that your Honours will not insist further on the Amendments proposed by your Message last Sessions; but that you'll agree to the passing the Bill as then proposed, with the additional Clause proposed in our Message the 18th Instant, by *Capt. King and Mr. Mackall.*

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

Which was sent to the Upper House by *Mr. Courts and Mr. Solomon Wright.* They return, and say they deliver'd it.

Philip Lee, Esq; from the Upper House delivers *Mr. Speaker* the following Message, *viz.*

By the Upper House of Assembly, March 21, 1725-6.

Gentlemen,

IN Answer to your Message by *Mr. Courts and Mr. Wright,* we are concerned to find your Refusal signified, not to consent to the passing the Bill framed last Sessions, for Regulating and Lowering Officers Fees, with the Amendments proposed by this House; in Regard we conceive it to be a very great Evil to a Country, the Leaving a Matter of so great Moment without any Limitation or Bounds set to the several Offices: And in order to shew our good Inclinations to come into any Measures in our Power that may tend to the Ease and Satisfaction of the good People of this Province, this House hath so far conceded as to approve and allow of that Part of the Report of the Committee of both Houses appointed last Sessions of Assembly, touching Deputy-Commissaries having full Power to pass Accounts, where no Disputes arise, without the Parties paying any Fee to the Commissary-General for a special Commission for the same; with which Concession, it being the greatest we can make, we hope that Bill will pass your House.

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

With which this House concurs, and Ordered the Committee of Laws frame the Bill accordingly.