

The said Message was sent to the Upper House, by *John Beale, Esq;* and *Mr. Chamberlain*, who return, and say they deliver'd the same.—The Bill, entituled, *An Act for destroying Bears in Somerset County*, being read, was order'd to be thus endors'd, *viz.*

By the Lower House of Assembly, October 21, 1728.

Read first and second Time, by an especial Order; and will pass.—Sent to the Upper House by *Mr. Dashiell* and *Mr. Staughton*; who return, and say they delivered it.

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

By the Upper House of Assembly, October 21, 1728.

Gentlemen,

On reading your Message of this Day, by *James Holliday, Esq;* and *Mr. Robins*, relating to your Allowances, wherein you propose an Abatement of ours, we take Leave to observe, That for some Years past, we have been denied any Allowance, as a Council of State, altho' we conceive we have an undoubted Right thereto, by the Determination of both Houses of Assembly, and the Concurrence of the Governour, in September 1694. And if we should now consent to an Abatement of our Allowance as an Upper House of Assembly, the Allowances made us, would not bear any reasonable Proportion to our Expences in the Publick Service. We therefore do not think it convenient to admit of any Abatement, unless your House will consent to allow us as a Council of State; and then we shall be willing to abate our Allowances in the same Proportion as you do yours; or otherwise, if your House think convenient to serve the Country at your own Expence, we shall readily agree to do the same; for we think That more Honourable, than to accept an Allowance not sufficient (handsomely) to support us.

Order'd, That the Committee of Laws prepare a Bill to ascertain the Oath of Judge or Justice.

The Ingross'd Bill, for the Relief of *Sarah Massey, of Philadelphia, Widow*, was read and assented to; And sent to the Upper House by *Mr. Matthews*, and *Mr. Tolley*, who return, and say they delivered the same.

The Bill entituled, *A Supplementary Act, to the Act, for the Establishment of Religious Worship*; was read, and order'd to be thus endors'd.

By the Lower House of Assembly, October 21, 1728.

Read the first Time, and order'd to lie on the Table.

Col. Tilghman, from the Upper House, delivers Mr. Speaker the Paper Bill of *Sarah Massey, of Philadelphia*, thus endors'd, *viz.*

By the Upper House of Assembly, October 21, 1728.

The Ingross'd Bill, whereof this is the Original, is read, and assented to by this House.

The House adjourns 'till To-morrow Morning 9 o'Clock.

Die Martis Octobris 22, 1728.

THE House met according to Adjournment. The Members were call'd, and all present as Yesterday. *Mr. Walter Smith* appears in the House this Day. Yesterday's Proceedings were read.

The Bill entituled, *A Supplementary Act to the Act for Establishment of Religious Worship, in this Province, according to the Use of the Church of England, and for the Maintenance of Ministers*, being read, was order'd to be thus endors'd.

By the Lower House of Assembly, October 22, 1728.

Read a second Time, and will pass, with the Amendments propos'd.

The following Message being prepared, was order'd to be entered thus.

By the Lower House of Assembly, October 22, 1728.

May it please your Honours,

In Answer to your Message, of the 21st Instant, by *Philip Lee, Esq;* wherein you desire to know, whether the Allowance of 100 lb. of Tobacco, agreed by this House, to be made to *Mr. Parks*, for Printing the Votes and Resolves thereof; is to be defrayed at the Expence of the Country, without your Concurrence; we Acquaint your Honours, that you have not desired the Concurrence of this House, in Allowances to be made to any Person Employed particularly about the Proceedings or Service of your House: But reasonable Allowances have been made, wherein both Houses concur in allowing the same, in the Journal of the Committee of Accounts.

Sent to the Upper House, by *Mr. Crabb*, and *Mr. Thomson*; who return, and say they deliver'd it.

J. Harris, Esq; from the Committee of Laws, delivers Mr. Speaker a Bill, entituled, *An Act to prevent the Abuses of concealing convicted Felons, and other Offenders imported into this Province; and for the better Discovery of them.*

Col. Ward, and *John Rousby, Esq;* from the Upper House, deliver Mr. Speaker, the following Message, *viz.*

By the Upper House of Assembly, October 22, 1728.

Gentlemen,

In Answer to your Message Yesterday, by *John Beale, Esq;* and *Mr. Chamberlain*, we acquaint you, that our Reasons for disapproving the Report of the Conferrees appointed for regulating Officers Fees, are as follow.

1st. That the Regulation of Fees propos'd by the Conference, for the Services to be done by the several Officers, are many of them much less in Value, than those contained in the Act, made for that Purpose, Anno 1725, and not sufficient for a decent Support to the several Officers; for tho' some few are advanced, yet are they not in Proportion, to those that are Reduced.

2d. That Tobacco being now of much less Value than it was in the Year 1725, we are of Opinion, that the Fees of the several Offices, ought rather to be advanced, than lessened, especially considering, that his Lordship's Reason for dissenting to the Act then made, was, because he thought the Fees too much reduced.

3d. That as his Lordship did dissent to the Law, because the Fees were too small, we think it in vain to Enact another, that makes them less; for we cannot but think, he will for the same Reason reject it, and it will be spending our own Time and the Country's Money, to no Purpose.

4th. We cannot concur with the Conferrees in Opinion, that if a Tobacco Law be made, the People should have the Liberty of paying the whole Fees, with two thirds of the Tobacco allowed; for it may happen, that a Tobacco Law may be made, and yet the Price of Tobacco not advanced in some Years; and we think it Time enough to lessen the Fees, when the Price of Tobacco does advance.

Thus having given you the chief Reasons, that at present Occur to us, for not approving the Report of the Conferrees, we conclude, with earnestly desiring, that you will with us consider, the Necessity of a Law to regulate Officers Fees, and not insist upon making such a one, as we cannot expect