

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

*By the Upper House of Assembly, July 22, 1729.*

Gentlemen,

On considering your Message of the 18th Instant, by Mr. *Crabb* and Mr. *Tolley*, we readily concur with your House, that both the Officers and People of this Province, are subject to great Inconveniences for Want of a Law for the *Regulation of Officers Fees*; and would willingly join our Endeavours for preventing the like Inconveniences for the Future; but we cannot reasonably expect the Method you propose, will prove effectual for obtaining that Good End; First, because His Excellency, our Governour, at the Conclusion of last Session of Assembly, in publick Manner, assured both Houses, that he was positively restrained by His Lordship's Instructions, from passing the Bill you mention, as it *then* stood. (Which Instruction he hath been pleas'd this Day to communicate to us) And *2dly*, Because the Fees regulated in the Year 1719, were thought to be but a suitable Support for the Services to be done: And finding that the beforemention'd Instruction, restrains the Governour from passing any Law for *Regulating Officers Fees*, that shall reduce them to a less Value than the Regulation aforesaid, We are of Opinion, that we shall but spend our own Time, and the Country's Money to no Purpose, in proposing a farther Reduction of them: But, if you think fit to prepare a Bill pursuant to that Regulation of 1719, it may probably succeed; but we take Leave to observe, that we think it an Unparliamentary Way of Proceeding, to agree upon the passing of Bills by Messages between the Two Houses, before those Bills are drawn.

Sign'd per Order, *John Ross, Cl. Up. Ho.*

*Daniel Dulany*, Esq; from the Committee of Laws, delivers to Mr. Speaker, A Bill, Intituled, *An Act for the improving the Staple of Tobacco, and for easing the Inhabitants of this Province in the Payment of Tobacco Debts*; which Bill was read the first Time, and order'd to lie on the Table.

The Question being put, Whether the Bill, Intituled, *An Act for raising a Duty of Three-pence per Hogshead on all Tobacco exported out of this Province, for the Uses therein mentioned*, should be altered, as propos'd by the Upper House, or not? Resolv'd in the Negative.

The following Message being prepared, was order'd to be enter'd thus:

*By the Lower House of Assembly, July 22, 1729.*

*May it please your Honours,*

This House having considered the Alteration propos'd by your Honours, to the Bill, Intituled, *An Act for the raising a Duty of Three-pence per Hogshead on all Tobacco exported out of this Province, for the Uses therein mentioned*, cannot agree to make the Alteration propos'd by your Honours; so desire you will pass the Bill as it now stands.

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

And sent to the Upper House, with the Bill, Intituled, *An Act for raising a Duty of Three-pence per Hogshead on all Tobacco exported out of this Province, for the Uses therein mentioned*, by Col. *Herman*, and Major *Turbutt*; who return, and say they delivered the same.

The House adjourns until To-Morrow Morning at Eight of the Clock.

*Wednesday,*