

Amounting to £50. 15. 10. when He had not any other money in his hands then such as arose on the
Duty of 3. 4th. for Arms and Ammunition — Ordered that an Order be drawn on W. William Hunt
Merchant in London payable to the said Samuel Hyde for the said Sum of £50. 15. 10. Sterdent
of the — Money in Hands due from him to the Publick —

Mr. Matthews deliver following Report

By the Committee of Grievances and Courts of Justice
May 16th 1738 —

YOUR Committee observing that the Fees of several Officers and Ministers of this Province
their deputed Ministers Servants and Officers are in themselves as now paid excessive great
and oppressive to the Subject, that the said Fees are under no regulation of any Law of this Province
that appear to your Committee —

That the said Officers and Ministers their deputed Ministers Servants and Officers by a
power of a proclamation of the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietor dated the 14th day of April 1733.
And one Order of Council dated 15th of July 1735, and ^{one} other Order of Council dated the 23rd day of
April 1735, here unto annexed, charge, levy, raise and receive from his Majesty's Subjects of this
Province such Fees so as afo^{re} buthensome, great and oppressive to the discouragement ruin and
undoing many of his Majesty's Liege Subjects, and even the said colour of power is exceeded by the
unlimited will of many of the said Officers Ministers and their Deputies, your Committee most
humbly conceive that by the Common and Statute Laws of Our Mother Country Great Britain
(which of undoubted right and by the resolves of your Honourable House the Subjects here have
and are declared to have a right to enjoy) such like Fees have been settled and regulated by
Courts of Justice or by Acts of Parliament — Your Committee further most humbly observe
that from the earliest time of the settlement of this Province by British Subjects such fees
have been ^{settled} adjusted and regulated by Acts of the General Assembly and by ^{other} other power or
Authority of late —

YOUR Committee ^{most} humbly conceive that such Proclamations or Orders of
Council binding or determining the right or property of the Subject are invasions on the Fundamentals
Constitution of this Province under the Royal Charter and against the lawful rights and Liberties
of his Majesty's Liege Subjects.

YOUR Committee humbly observe that in one of the first Acts made, Fees were raised in
in Honey and Tobacco, which ^{rate} in money being (no doubt) adequate to the Service, such
Officers Ministers and their Deputies were thereby restrained not to exceed it —

YOUR Committee likewise most humbly observe that many poor Tradesmen,
Artificers Labourers and others throughout this Province making no Tobacco account their
Trade Artificer Labour or other business for the current money of the Province, yet by the said
Ministers Officers and their Deputies are charged with Fees in Places, which they
having not to comply or able to procure, are necessitated and tortiously compelled to pay
for the same excessive and exorbitant prices in such current money to the ruin of
Many Families and their intricate dispersion out of this Province and the
of those who remain to follow such their ^{destitute} desperate art and industry and become a burthen