

House in the said Bill, was occasioned by some weighty Objections which you thought you had to some Parts of it. If we judge right of your Honours Motives, we still entertain Hopes, that either your Objections may be obviated, or such Expedients found out, as may remove all Difficulties to settle the Fees upon such a Foundation as will be certain and satisfactory, as well to the People who Pay, as the Officers who shall be entitled to Receive them. To this End we propose a Conference with such Members of your House, as you shall think fit to appoint for that Purpose.

Signed per Order, M. Macnemara, Cl. Lo. Ho.

By the Upper House of Assembly, May 30. 1739.

Gentlemen,

YOUR Message of Yesterday, by Messieurs *Denton* and *Courts*, gave us real Satisfaction, for that you seem now, after Sitting above four Weeks, to shew a Disposition to proceed in some manner likely to attain the great End desired by us, the Ease and good of the Country; and also by the same Message you most truly and candidly declare the Opinion you cannot in Justice avoid having, of our sincere Inclinations and Endeavours, to render the People easy, and remove every Obstacle to their Happiness; as these Points have been our constant Aim, we cannot but comfort ourselves in the just Sense the Lower House of Assembly entertains of our Sincerity, and therefore you conclude very rightly, that our refusal to concur with the Bill mentioned in your Message, was occasioned by some weighty Objections, which we shall not be less pleased to have obviated, than to receive any such expedients, as may remove all Difficulties to settle the Officers Fees satisfactorily to all Parties, although we are very well assured the Regulation of the Lord Proprietary makes the Fees sufficiently certain; nor is it to be imagin'd, that by an Act of the Legislature, Complaints concerning Officers Fees can be totally prevented, such Complaints being often promoted by the clamorous and uneasy Dispositions of restless and turbulent Persons, without any just Foundation; therefore we think, the Legislature ought to be very careful, not to give any encouragement to Complaints upon trifling Occasions, especially considering that any Complaints may be remedied, or put in a Course of Justice by the Governor, without interrupting or delaying the Proceedings of the General Assembly of this Province sitting at so great an Expence.

However, still further to confirm you in your just Opinion of our Inclination to do every thing in our Power, that can be serviceable to the Country, we agree to a Conference as you propose, and have accordingly appointed *Edmund Fenings* and *Levin Gale*, Esqrs. to joyn such Members as shall be appointed by your House.

Signed per Order, J. Ross, Cl. Up. Ho.