

“ This House having taken into Consideration the Report of their Members appointed Conferrees concerning the Officers Fee Bill, and the Proposal made by the Conferrees appointed by the Upper House, of making that Bill a perpetual Act, do unanimously agree, that it would be of the most dangerous and destructive Consequence to the People of this Province to make such an Act perpetual.”

“ And that their Conferrees aforesaid, have it in Charge to acquaint the Conferrees of the Upper House with this their Resolution, and reject the Proposal aforesaid.”

“ And that if the said Conferrees from the Upper House should refuse to proceed in the Conference without this House's acquiescing in that Proposal, they be told as from this House, that all the Evils that shall arise to the People of this Province for want of an Act for Regulating Officers Fees, must be laid to the Charge of the Upper House, inasmuch as this House by the Bill proposed, have given larger Fees and a longer Duration than has been in the like Act in our neighbouring Colony of *Virginia*, which is immediately under his Majesty's auspicious Government and Protection, and have done every other Thing in their Power in order to render such a Bill Useful to the Province.”

The Conferrees Adjourn to 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

The Conferrees Meet according to Adjournment; and thereupon the Conferrees of the Upper House deliver to the Conferrees of the Lower House a Paper, the Purport of which are in the following Words, *Viz.*

“ We the Conferrees appointed by the Upper House, have it in Command from that House, to acquaint the Conferrees of the Lower House, that they conceive the Proprietary's Authority to settle Officer's Fees, where there is no positive Law for that Purpose, to be indisputable, and that they apprehend the exercise of such Authority to be agreeable to the several Instructions from Time to Time from the Throne, to the respective Governments, and therefore that the Upper House cannot but think a perpetual Law in this Case reasonable and necessary, to settle all Disputes now and hereafter, and which End could not be obtained by a temporary Law, and further, if any uneasiness should happen in the Country for want of a Law to ascertain the Fees, the Upper House will have this Satisfaction, that they have made such advances toward such a Law, as they doubt not will meet with the Approbation of their Superiors and every impartial Person; and upon the whole, we are again Ordered by the Upper House, not to consider of the Quantum of the Fees unless a perpetual Law be agreed to by the Conferrees of the Lower House.”

Signed *per* Order, *Tho. Lynn*, Clerk.

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