

pleased to lay before this House, shall be considered, and we assure your Excellency, that if we find the same Right and Clear we shall make no Objection thereto; and we doubt not but your Excellency will rather Approve than Condemn our Conduct, if we fairly and openly object against any Erroneous Publick Accounts, it being our undoubted Right and Duty so to do. We hope that this Government hath no Enemies, nor will make any; and malicious private Whispers and groundless Insinuations are weak Attempts which ought to be despised.

We assure your Excellency, that this House will always to the best of their Knowledge, act openly, freely and candidly, and which Conduct most agreeable to Native *British* Sincerity, the inseparable Characteristick of every true *Briton*, we humbly Hope will give no Offence.

The House Adjourns to 2 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Post Meridiem,

Mr. Henry is added to the Committee of Laws.

Ordered, That Mr. Dulany, Dr. Carroll, Mr. Hammond, Mr. Calder, Mr. Denton, Mr. George, and Mr. Stoughton, Prepare an Officers Fee Bill: And that it be an Instruction to those Gentlemen in Regulating the Fees, Regard be had to the Fees Settled in the neighbouring Provinces of *Virginia* and *Pennsylvania*.

The Question was put, Whether in the Bill to be brought in, the Fees be Rated in Money or Tobacco? Resolved that the Fees be Rated in Tobacco.

For the Fees in Tobacco,

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| Mr. Waughop, | Mr. Smith, | Mr. Smallwood, | Mr. Brannock, | Mr. Wootton, |
| —Rea d, | —Weems, | —Stoughton, | —Sheredine, | —Osborn Sprigg, |
| —Aisquith, | —Hall, | —Henry, | —Moale, | —Magruder, |
| —Swann, | —Courts, | —Gale, | —Matthews, | —Pemberton, |
| —Carroll, | —Middleton, | —Edward Lloyd, | —Cafwell, | —Wilkinson. |
| —Denton, | —Hanson, | —Robert Lloyd, | —Edward Sprigg, | |

For the Fees in Money,

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| Mr. Wilson, | Mr. Hynson, | Mr. Gassaway, | Mr. George, | Mr. Gordon. |
| —Harris, | —Calder, | —Thomas, | —Colvill, | |

The House Adjourn'd to the Morrow Morning at 9 of the Clock.

Saturday Morning, May 5. 1739.

THe House Met according to Adjournment.

Mr. Robert Fenckins Henry added to the Committee appointed to prepare an Officers Fee Bill.

The Address to his Excellency the Governor being Ingrossed and Signed;

Mr.