

“ We the Conferees appointed by the Upper House, have it in Command from that House, to acquaint the Conferees of the Lower House, that they conceive the Proprietary's Authority to settle Officers 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 Conferees of the Lower House.”

Signed per Order, Tho. Lynn, Clerk.

On Reading this Report, the following Entry Ordered to be made, viz.

Upon Reading the foregoing Report, this House have again taken the subject matter thereof under their Consideration, and unanimously agree That the Answer of the honourable the Upper House, in refusing to Consider of the Quantum of Officers Fees to be Established by any Law but such as shall be Perpetual, and further insisting, that they conceive the Proprietary's Authority to Settle Officers Fees where there is no positive Law for that purpose, to be Indisputable, tends to vest in his Lordship the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary, an Arbitrary Power, inconsistent with any Power or Powers granted by the Royal Charter.

Resolved therefore, That this House, in Safety to themselves, their Constituents, and Posterity, cannot Agree to a perpetual Law in respect to Officers Fees: And are clearly of Opinion, that the Execution of such Power as is contended for by the Upper House to be vested in his Lordship, is without Foundation, and inconsistent with the Liberty, Property and Quiet of his Majesty's Leige Subjects the Inhabitants of this Province.

Col. King, from the Committee of Accounts acquaints Mr. Speaker, that in the Treasurer's Account of the Western Shore, there appears an Article of 16l. 15s. 4d. Current Money, charged the Province with an Order of the Governor and Council, payable to Capt. George Bealle for Publick Service.

The Houle taking this Article as Charged, into Consideration, Ordered the following Entry to be made, viz.

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