

We cannot find any thing in our former Message that has the least Tendency to deny your House the Privilege of Forming Bills to raise Money, and proposing proper Funds for that purpose, and therefore are at a loss to know, why you should make your Message more prolix in endeavouring to assert that Right; but we hope you will be so ingenuous as to allow, that when you have Formed such Bills providing such Funds and sent them to our House, we have a Right and Privilege of Reading and Considering them, and if we find them deficient or inconvenient, have a Negative upon them, or may propose Amendments to them, and Alterations in them, or else why do you send them to us?

We did not pretend that we have any Law now in Force which invested his Lordship or any of his chief Officers with a legal Right to the Fees for Ordinary Licences, but we think we may justly assert, that as the Laws heretofore made for Regulating Ordinaries always have annexed those Fees as a Perquisite to his Lordship, the One or the Other of the chief Officers, without any Regard to Services done or Favours for them, as you endeavour to insinuate, therefore besides the Opinion of the Attorney General in *England* mentioned in our former Message to confirm that Right, we think we may truly say, that his Lordship or the One or Other of those Officers have an equitable Right to claim those Fees, and that they are only deprived of them by Prejudices conceived against the Officers in the Lower House of Assembly, who from Time to Time have refused to Revive or Re-enact that Law, and by that means suffered the Ordinaries to become incentives to Extravagancy and Debauchery without any Restraint.

To complain of Oppressions and Aggrievances is a Thing very natural and easy, but to point them out and demonstrate them to be such, in the Case at present before us, we believe would be very difficult, unless in that particular you are pleased to mention, which is the losing our temporary and useful Laws, and this we freely acknowledge to be a very great Aggrievance; but then be pleased to give us leave to enquire how these Laws came to be lost; and we believe it will be found by the Journals of both Houses of Assembly last Session, that the occasion of their being lost was the absolute Refusal of the Lower House of Assembly to Pass and send to the Upper House a Bill for raising a Duty of *Six pence* per Hog-shead on Tobacco exported out of this Province, for the Purchasing Arms and Ammunition for the Defence of the Province, which themselves in a Conference between both Houses had before agreed to do, and which in this Time of War was highly necessary to be done, and this Refusal founded upon no other Reason than a bare Suggestion that the Upper

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