

vince, who shall, on behalf of the said *Michael Taylor*, enter before one Provincial Justice of this Province, or two Justices of *Prince George's* County Court, into a Recognizance or Recognizances to the Lord Proprietary, in the Sum of *One Hundred Pounds* Current Money each, with a Condition or Defeazance that he the said *Michael Taylor* shall keep the Peace and be of good Behaviour towards all his Majesty's Subjects, and particularly towards *William Mauduit* of the said *Prince George's* County, for and during the Term of Five Years.

Signed per Order, *J. Ross*, Cl. Up. Ho. *James Harris*, Esq; from the Upper House, delivers Mr. Speaker the Bill, entituled, *An Act for Limitation of Officers Fees*, Indorsed, ' By the Upper House of Assembly, 16th July, 1740, Read the First Time and Ordered to lie on the Table. Signed per Order, *J. Ross*, Cl. Up. Ho.

And thus, ' By the Upper House of Assembly, July 26. 1740. Read the Second Time and will not Pass. Signed per Order, *J. Ross*, Cl. Up. Ho. The following Message :

By the Lower House of Assembly, July 26. 1740.

May it please your Honours,

THis House cannot consist with their Duty and the Laws of this Province, allow the Article of 120*lb.* Tobacco to the Chancellor. As to the Quantity of 54898*lb.* Tobacco insisted upon by your Honours to be allowed to his Lordship's Secretary and Attorney General, we cannot allow thereof, the Prosecutions which gave Rise to those Fees being carried on to Support his Lordship's Private Affairs, and which Prosecutions have been by his Majesty in Council disapproved, and that the Allowing such extraordinary Charges may be a dangerous Precedent, and open a way to Burthen this Province with far greater Sums.

The Ferriages to his Lordship's Council we are willing to allow.

Some of the Articles for which Mr. *Ross* as Clerk of the Council Charges, and which constitutes the sum of 2213*lb.* Tobacco, we conceive to be done partly in the Execution of his Office, and for which he has a Yearly Salary; Other part for making out Pardons, ought to have been paid by the Persons concerned, therefore conceive the Publick not chargeable, nor can we allow thereof.

As to the Sum of 120*l.* 7*s.* 9*d.* Currency to Mr. *Ross*, as Clerk of the Council, being over and above a Sum already allowed him in the Journal, and which has been thought reasonable and sufficient by this House for his Service for transcribing Journals of the Upper House and Council, we therefore think it unreasonable to allow him the said Sum of 120*l.* 7*s.* 9*d.*

We hope your Honours will without insisting on these Charges, Pass the