

Wednesday Morning, September 11, 1745.

THE House met according to Adjournment: And the Proceedings of Yesterday were Read.

Col. *Henry* appears in the House.

The Bill, entituled, *An Act to remedy some Defects in an Indenture of Bargain and Sale made and executed by Michael Curtis, &c.* was sent to the Upper House by Mr. *Nicholas Goldsborough*, and Five others.

Col. *Hopper* delivers Mr. Speaker the following Report, *viz.*

By the Committee appointed to enquire into the Facts set forth in Francis Waring's Petition.

YOUR Committee having taken the Petition of *Francis Waring* under Consideration, beg leave to inform your honourable House, that Col. *Thomas Greenfield*, by his Deed of Gift bearing Date the 12th Day of February, Anno Domini 1714, did make over unto *Basil Waring*, and *Martha* his Wife, and the Heirs of their Bodies on the said *Martha* begotten, all that Tract or Parcel of Land being part of *Muzoonson* and part of *Additon*, lying in *Prince-George's* County, containing 246 Acres, which said Deed was in due form of Law Acknowledged and Recorded within six Months from the Execution thereof, in the Land Records of the said County.

We find likewise, that the said *Martha Waring*, by her Deed of Gift, bearing date the 30th Day of November, Anno Domini 1733, did make over unto your Petitioner *Francis Waring*, the abovesaid 246 Acres of Land.

Your Committee likewise beg leave to inform your honourable House, that *Thomas Waring*, Brother to the said *Francis Waring* your Honour's Petitioner, by his Letter bearing date the 7th of this Instant September, hath given his Consent to the Granting the Petition of the said *Francis Waring*. All which is humbly submitted to your honourable House.

HENRY HOPPER;
OSBORN SPEAKER.

On Reading of which, the House concurs therewith, and the Petition therein mentioned is Granted.

The following Message, *viz.*

By the Lower House of Assembly. *Septemb. 11, 1745.*

May it please your Honours,

WE are sorry to find, that the Conferrees appointed by both Houses, in order to adjust an Officer's Fee Bill, have broke up without perfecting so just and desirable an End; the Disagreement between them is such, that they cannot agree to make a joint Report of their Proceedings, and as we are willing to think that your Honours, as well as we, are desirous to put an End to a Dispute of this Kind, and quiet the Minds of the People herein: We have Hopes you will concur with us in all Matters that may bring about a reasonable Regulation of Officers Fees, which we still apprehend would be accompanied with less Difficulties in a Conference than in any other Manner; and therefore hope you will once more appoint such Gentlemen of your House as you think proper, to join some of ours in another Conference, in order if possible to settle and regulate Officers Fees, that the same may be reduced into a Law.

Signed per Order, WM. TILGHMAN, Cl. Lo. Hou

Was sent to the Upper House by Mr. *Thomas* and Col. *Hall*.

The House adjourns to 2 of the Clock.

Post Meridiem.

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Col. *Hammond*, from the Upper House, delivers Mr. Speaker the following Message, *viz.*

By the Upper House of Assembly. *September 11, 1745.*

Gentlemen,

YOUR Journals will shew, that on the 27th Day of August last, this House by Message made the first Advances for an amicable Settlement of the Officers Fees, and we may now say, "the Sincerity of our Disposition to concur in any reasonable Measures that may conduce to the Ease and Happiness of the People," intimated in that Message, must stand confessed by your House and the whole Province; for in consequence of that Message, our House made Offers for the Reduction of the Fees, so far beyond your own Hopes and Expectation, that you concluded you might ask any Thing, and this House would refuse nothing; and that therefore you need not bound yourselves by Reason, since the Willingness of this House for the Quietness and Ease of the Province was without Bounds: To such like Reasoning, and not to any Averseness in you to the Ease and Quiet of your Constituents, we would willingly impute what followed at the Conference; where, after the Conferrees of this House had made such large Concessions as nothing was hardly left to ask by your House, and in particular had agreed to reduce the Copying Fee to nine Pounds of Tobacco from twelve in one Office, and eleven in other Offices; yet the Conferrees of your House disagreed from those of our House, because our Conferrees would not consent to a further Reduction of that Fee to eight.

We might from hence take sufficient Comfort to ourselves, in having very earnestly endeavoured to procure the Welfare and Quiet of the People; but as this House acts upon such Principles, as not to be diverted by the Mistakes or Misapprehensions of other Persons, from pursuing the real Good and Interest of the Country, and as we consider an Officers Fee Bill one of the Steps for producing a good Harmony between the Government and People, we do assure you, that as we have now Reason to hope your House is not less earnest