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M O N D A Y, October 1, 1770.

THE House met according to Adjournment. The Members were called; and all appeared as on Saturday, except Mr. *W. Thomas*, Mr. *Contee* and Mr. *Jacob*. The Proceedings of Saturday were read. X

Upon a Second Reading the Petition of *John Heard*, ORDERED, That Mr. *J. Hall*, Mr. *Eden*, and Mr. *Key*, be a Committee to inquire into the Truth of the Facts set forth in the said Petition, and report the same to the House.

Mr. *Hall* hath Leave of Absence.

The Order of the Day being read, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, to take into Consideration the Regulation of Officers Fees.

Mr. Speaker resumes the Chair, and Mr. *Worthington*, Chairman of the Committee, reported from the Committee, that they had made some Progress therein; but not being able to complete the same, prayed Leave of the House to sit again.

RESOLVED, That this House will, on Thursday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House, to take into Consideration the Regulation of Officers Fees.

Daniel Dulany, Esq; from the Upper House, delivers to Mr. Speaker the Petition of the Rector, Vestrymen, and other Inhabitants of *Chester* Parish, in *Kent* County, praying that an Act may pass to levy on the taxable Inhabitants of that Parish Four Hundred and Fifty Pounds, for completely finishing the Chapel of Ease in *Chester-Town*.

The Petition of *Thomas Lambden*, praying an Act may pass to invest him with his former Estate, which he made over to *Ephraim Waggaman*, for the Benefit of his Creditors; and the Petition of the Rector, Vestrymen, Churchwardens, and sundry the Inhabitants of *Somerset* Parish, in *Somerset* County, praying an Act may pass to enable the Justices of *Somerset* County to levy on the taxable Inhabitants of *Somerset* Parish the Quantity of Thirty Thousand Pounds of Tobacco, for the Purpose of building Pews, Chancel and Pulpit; severally endorsed: "By the Upper House of Assembly, October 1, 1770: Read and referred to the Consideration of the Lower House of Assembly, Signed by Order, U. SCOTT, Cl. Up. Ho."

On Motion, ORDERED, That the Committee appointed for inspecting into the several publick Offices, do inquire from the several Officers, their Deputies, Registers, or Clerks, into the annual Amount of the Fees that have accrued due to the said Officers of this Province for Seven Years last past, and report the same to the House.

The Petition from *Somerset* Parish was read a First and Second Time, by an especial Order, and granted.

On Motion, Leave given to bring in a Bill agreeable to the Prayer of the said Petition.

ORDERED, That Mr. *Gale*, Mr. *Dashiell*, and Mr. *Mackall*, do prepare and bring in the same.

The Petition of *Thomas Lambden*, and the Petition of the Inhabitants of *Chester* Parish, were read and ordered to lie on the Table.

The House adjourns till To-morrow Morning VIII o'Clock.

T U E S D A Y, October 2, 1770.

THE House met according to Adjournment. The Members were called, and all appeared as on Yesterday, except Mr. *Hollyday*. The Proceedings of Yesterday were read.

Mr. *Contee* and Mr. *Buchanan* appeared in the House.

Mr. *Thomas Cockey Doye*, a Delegate returned for *Baltimore* County, appeared in the House.

ORDERED, That Mr. *John Paca* and Mr. *Matthews* do go with that Gentleman to the Upper House to see him qualified. X

They return, and acquaint Mr. Speaker they saw him qualified in the usual Manner.

The Gentleman took his Seat in the House.

The House adjourns till To-morrow Morning VIII o'Clock.

W E D N E S D A Y, October 3, 1770.

THE House met according to Adjournment. The Members were called, and all appeared as on Yesterday. The Proceedings of Yesterday were read.

Mr. *J. Hall* brings in, and delivers to Mr. Speaker, the following Report.

By the COMMITTEE appointed to inspect the publick Offices, and to inquire from the several Officers, their Deputies, Registers or Clerks, into the annual Amount of the Fees that have accrued due to the said Officers of this Province for Seven Years last past.

IN Obedience to the Order of the Honourable House, your Committee have inquired into the Amount of Fees in several of the Offices, and do report as follows:

S E C R E T A R Y'S F E E S in the PROVINCIAL COURT.

	£	Tob.		£	Tob.
1763	-	-	1767	-	-
1764	-	-	1768	-	-
1765	-	-	1769	-	-
1766	-	-			
	180,496			230,929	
	229,208			255,763½	
	212,141			244,990	
	209,334				

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