

SECRETARY'S FEES in the CHANCERY COURT.

	£	Tob.		£	Tob.
1763	-	-	-	45,237	
1764	-	-	-	47,917	
1765	-	-	-	27,175	
1766	-	-	-	34,685	
				1767	-
				1768	-
				1769	-
					38,238
					40,136
					42,098½

Two of your Committee applied to the Examiner for the Amount of his Fees for Seven Years past, who answered in general, that he had not made any Lists of Fees, but what were sent to the Sheriffs annually, and could only know the Amount by having Recourse to their Accounts and Returns, and at present was unable to do it.

Your Committee applied also to the Register of the Commissary's Office, and were informed by Letter from him, that he was so unwell as to be incapable of leaving his Bed; that he was ready to give all the Information in his Power; that to the best of his Remembrance, the Fees in 1763 and 1764 amounted to about 224,000; in 1765, and the following Years, down to 1769, to about 230,000; and in 1769, by Reason of Papers not coming timely to Hand to charge in the preceding Year's Fees, they amounted to about 280,000.

Your Committee afterwards understanding Mr. Vallette was better, went to his Office again, and obtained a Sight of his Fee Books, many of which we found not added up, or the Fees listed; and in some Years, where the Amount was cast up, the same was marked by Letters, the Solution of which your Committee not being acquainted with, could come at no Certainty.

Those Fee Books they could best understand, they did examine, particularly in 1768, and found the total Amount 236,699; and in 1769, the total Amount was 268,149.

The Amount of Fees furnished by the Clerk of the Land-Office was as follows:

	£	Tob.		£	Tob.
1763	-	-	-	526,525	
1764	-	-	-	472,592	
1765	-	-	-	484,488	
1766	-	-	-	332,952	
				1767	-
				1768	-
				1769	-
					311,263½
					340,514
					382,600½

All which is submitted to the Consideration of the Honourable House.

Signed per Order,

JOHN JOHNSON, Cl. of the Com.

Which was read and ordered to lie on the Table.

The Order of the Day being read, the House referred the several Papers (communicated by his Excellency) for Consideration on Friday next.

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

T H U R S D A Y, October 4, 1770.

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

Mr. Veazy appeared in the House.

Mr. Tyler brings in, and delivers to Mr. Speaker the following Report.

By the COMMITTEE appointed to inspect into the State of the several publick Offices, October the 4th, 1770.

YOUR Committee have examined into the State of the several publick Offices, and find, that the old Records in the Commissary's Office and Land Office remain in the same incorrect defaced torn Condition as has been, from Time to Time, since the Year 1765, reported to your Honourable House; and your Committee are of Opinion, that many of them, without immediate Reparation, will be entirely lost. Your Committee have found Five Wills and Thirty-five Accounts in the Commissary's Office, exhibited in 1759, that have never been recorded; and that all other Matters in said Offices appear to be recorded to the present Year. Your Committee also find, that the Record of the Lands in the Secretary's Office, is brought on and examined to the present Time; as is also the Record of the Laws; but find that the Judgments in that Office are only entered up to April Term 1766, inclusive. Your Committee have annexed an additional List of Record Books in said Offices, made up since the last Report.

All which is submitted to the Consideration of your Honourable House.

BOOKS in the COMMISSARY'S OFFICE.

Liber WD N^o. 3. containing Wills.
 WD N^o. 6, 7 & 8. Accounts.
 WD N^o. 11 & 12. Inventories.

BOOKS in the SECRETARY'S OFFICE.

Liber RE N^o. 1. Liber DD N^o. 5.