

The Bill, entitled, *A Supplementary Act to the Act, entitled, An Act for the Relief of the Poor within the several Counties therein mentioned*, read the Second Time, and will pass. Sent to the Upper House by Mr. Wootton and Mr. Heugh.

They return and acquaint Mr. Speaker they delivered the Bill.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act for explaining a Clause in an Act, entitled, An Act for the Encouragement of an Iron Manufacture within this Province*, read the Second Time, and will pass. Sent to the Upper House by Mr. Dashiell and Mr. Purnell.

They return and acquaint Mr. Speaker they delivered the Bill.

Mr. Johnson brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker the following Message :

By the LOWER HOUSE of ASSEMBLY, November 15, 1770.

May it please your HONOURS,

WE are apprehensive, from your Message of the 13th Instant, that there is some Misunderstanding between us about the Subject Matter of a Conference : We have no Desire to reduce the Fees of Officers so low, as not to leave a sufficient and proper Support ; and if it shall appear, that the Regulation proposed by us would be insufficient for that Purpose, we shall be willing to make such Additions as we hope will be thought sufficient and proper in the Opinion of the World. Nothing now remains to be settled but the Fees of Officers, and the Provisions thereon dependent ; the Mode of recovering Penalties, the Time of closing the Inspection, and the last Proposition contained in your Message of the Tenth Instant by *John Ridout, Esq;* On these Points of our Bill we were and still are willing, and now propose to go into a Conference, as the most likely Expedient to bring about an Agreement. Your Honours, by a Bill sent from your House the Thirty-first of *October*, which lay before us at the Time of the last Prorogation, on the Second Instant, to revive the late Inspection Law, and the Supplementary Act thereto, "except all such Part and Parts, as limited, or in any Manner concerned, the Fees of Officers and Lawyers, and the Poll-Tax due to the Clergy," proposed to separate the Regulation of the Staple from that of the Fees of Officers, and continue that Part of the late Inspection Law which provided for the Payment of the Levies. In your Message of the Tenth Instant you agreed, "That all Persons, whether they should make Tobacco or not, might elect to pay all Fees in Tobacco or Money, in the Manner provided by the Bill ;" and proposed, "That the Poll-Tax might be paid in the same Manner, with the Difference only, that in Case of Payment in Money, the Clergy might receive on 32 instead of 30 per Poll ;" which this House acceded to, and informed your Honours of, by our Message of the Twelfth Instant : Therefore, should your Honours again wave a Conference on the Terms we now propose, we make you another Proposition. Strike out all those Parts of the Bill that relate to the Officers Fees, which will be agreeable to the Plan of the Bill you sent us ; and as nothing of Importance will then remain in Dispute, except the Time of closing the Inspection, which the People much wish to have extended to the 20th of *August*, we have the greatest Expectation, that this, and the other Matters of less Consideration, may be easily adjusted by a Conference, which we request for that Purpose ; and the Bill may then pass for the Regulation of the Staple, Lawyers Fees, Clergy's Allowance, and the Payment of the Publick, County, and Parochial Charges. If your Honours do not incline to accept either of these Propositions, we have only to request, that you will send down the Bill, that, after finishing the Business of the Session, we may return to the Care of our domestic Affairs.

Signed by Order,

JOHN DUCKETT, Cl. Lo. Ho.

Which was read the First and Second Time, and unanimously agreed to. Sent to the Upper House by Mr. Johnson and Mr. J. Hall.

They return and acquaint Mr. Speaker they delivered the Message.

The House being informed that Messieurs *Daniel Chamier, Moses Galloway, and John Ross*, were attending at the Door, in Obedience to the Order of this House of the 10th Instant,

ORDERD, That they be called in, and they appeared at the Bar, in the Custody of the Serjeant, accordingly.

The House having heard the Allegations of *Job Garretson*, the Complainant, and the Testimony of the Evidences produced, as also the Defence made by the said *Daniel Chamier, Moses Galloway and John Ross*, and after maturely considering the same, proceeded in the following Manner :

It appearing to this House, on Enquiry into the Complaint of *Job Garretson* against *Daniel Chamier*, Sheriff of *Baltimore County*, and *Moses Galloway* and *John Ross*, his Deputies, for making a Distress on his Goods : That the Distress was made, 1st, Without any Accounts being delivered to the Party before the last of *February*, according to Law. 2^{dly}, Without his being first requested to shew his Goods to be distrained, that he might make that Election which the Law gives to the Party, of suffering either his Body or Goods to be taken. 3^{dly}, That Part of the Claim was for *per Diem* Fees where the Party was not in Jail or any Victuals found. 4^{thly}, That the Claim included a private Debt, for which no Distress could be legally made.

RESOLVED THEREFORE, That the said Distress, made by the said *Moses Galloway* and *John Ross*, deputy Sheriffs, by Order of the said *Daniel Chamier*, Sheriff, was illegal, oppressive, and made under Colour of Office to force the Payment of Money for which no Distress would lie.

Mr. Beall, Mr. Bordley, and Mr. Ringgold, are appointed a Committee to assess the Fees arising due on the Complaint of *Job Garretson* against *Daniel Chamier*.

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