you, that we fhould be willing to concur with you in any proper Method to prevent all real Abufes for the future. Upon the whole, we meant that the old Regulation, fo far as no Abufes were imputable to its Defects, fhould ftand, and fo far as Abufes had really happened in Practice under it, that it fhould be corrected in the Inftances wherein a Correction fhould appear to be expedient. By this Mode of Procedure, we apprehend a better Regulation may be eftablifhed than by a new Lift.

If, however, you incline to confer, as propofed in your laft Meffage, on thefe Points, viz. The Fees of Officers, and the Provifions thereon dependent; the Mode of recovering Penalties. and the Time of clofing the Infpection, as well as on the laft Propofition contained in our Meff ge of the 10 h Inftant, we fhall be ready to join you, and confi er the Conference as proceeding from your Propofal; but we hold ourfelves obliged to info m you, to prevent Difappointment, that we fhall think ourfelves to be at full Liberty to inftruct our Conferrees, and that e fhall explicity inftruct them not to agree to any Departure from the old Regulation, except for the Purpofe of preventing Abufes in Charges under it, if on this Account a Correction or Alteration fhould appear to be expedient; and alfo, not to agree to any further Reduction of Fees, than that which muft neceffarily follow from the Election given to all Perfons, to difcharge the Fees in Tobacco or Money, as may beft fuit them.

On our being informed that you will engage in a Conference on thefe Terms, we fhall proceed to the Appointment of Conferrees, or that you will not, your Bill fhall be returned.

Signed by Order, U. SCOTT, Cl. Up. Ho.

Which was read and ordered to lie on the Table.

The Addrefs to h s Excell ncy was read a Second Time and ordered to be engroffed.

Mr. *Gantt* hath Leave of Abfence.

The Houfe proceeded to tax the following private Bills, viz.

An Act directing the Sale of the Lands of *Richard Heard*, late of *St. Mary*'s County, deceafed, for the Payment of the Debts of the faid *Richard Heard*.

To the honourable Speaker,	-	-	-	-	£. 1	0 0
To the Clerk,	-	-	-	-	0 10	0

An Act to inveft *John Clayton* with an exclufive Privilege and Benefit of making and felling a Machine for threfhing of Wheat on a Model by him invented.

To the honourable Speaker,	-	-	-	-	£. 2	0 0
To the Clerk,	-	-	-	-	1	0 0

An Act to give *Thomas Harrifon* further Time to effect the Removal of a Nuifance in *Baltimore-Town*, in *Baltimore* County.

To the honourable Speaker,	-	-	-	-	£. 4	0 0
To the Clerk,	-	-	-	-	2	0 0

An Act to remedy a Defect in the Title of *Bartholomew Pomeroy*, of *London*, Merchant, to a Tract or Parcel of Land, called *Rencher*'s *Adventure*, lying in *Prince-George*'s County.

To the honourable Speaker,	-	-	-	-	£. 8	0 0
To the Clerk,	-	-	-	-	4	0 0

An Act to remedy a Defect in the Acknowledgment of a Conveyance from *Jofiah Conant* to *William Thornton*.

To the honourable Speaker,	-	-	-	-	£. 10	0 0
To the Clerk,	-	-	-	-	5	0 0

An Act to inveft *Ifaac Perkins* with an exclufive Privilege of making and felling a Machine for threfhing of Wheat, on a Model by him invented.

To the honourable Speaker,	-	-	-	-	£. 2	0 0
To the Clerk,	-	-	-	-	1	0 0

An Act directing the Sale of Part of the Lands of *Henry Baker*, late of *Cacil* County, deceafed, for the Payment of the Debts of the faid *Henry Baker*.

To the honourable Speaker,	-	-	-	-	£. 1	0 0
To the Clerk,	-	-	-	-	0 10	0

An Act for the Relief of *Nehemiah Tilghman* and *Solomon Townfend*, and to confirm the Contract made between the faid *Nehemiah Tilghman* and a certain Major *Townfend*.

To the honourable Speaker,	-	-	-	-	£. 1	0 0
To the Clerk,	-	-	-	-	0 10	0

An Act empowering *Edward Tilghman*, *Solomon Wright*, and others, to fell certain Lands devifed by Colonel *Vincent Lowe*, formerly of *Talbot* County, to be fold for the Purpofes by the faid Devife intend d.

To the honourable Speaker,	-	-	-	-	£. 4	0 0
To the Clerk,	-	-	-	-	2	0 0

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