

12 VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS, OCTOBER 1771.

By the COMMITTEE of AGGRIEVANCES and COURTS of JUSTICE, October 10th, 1771.

YOUR Committee humbly beg Leave to report to the Honourable House, that the Fees of several of the Officers and Ministers of this Province, their deputed Ministers and Servants, are in themselves, as now paid, excessive, great and oppressive to the Subject, and that the said Fees are under no Regulation of any Law of this Province.

That your Committee were informed, that several Officers do charge and receive Fees for Services performed by them in their respective Offices, under and by Virtue of some Proclamation issued and published in the Name of his Excellency as Lieutenant-General and Chief Governor of this Province, and in Consequence of the said Information made the Order, a Copy whereof is hereunto annexed, and received from Mr. U. Scott, Clerk of his Lordship's Honourable Council of State, his Answer, also hereunto annexed, and submit the same to the Consideration of the Honourable House.

Signed by Order,

W. WRIGHT, Cl.

By the COMMITTEE of AGGRIEVANCES and COURTS of JUSTICE, Oct. 7, 1771.

ORDERED, That the Clerk of the Council make out, and deliver to the said Committee, a Copy of the Records or Minutes of the Council of all Orders and Proceedings of his Lordship's honourable Council of State, made since the last Session of Assembly, relative to the Fees of all or any of the Officers in this Province.

Signed by Order,

WILLIAM WRIGHT, Cl.

GENTLEMEN,

October 8, 1771.

YOUR Order "That the Clerk of the Council make out, and deliver to the Committee of Aggrievances and Courts of Justice, a Copy of the Records or Minutes of the Council of all Orders and Proceedings of his Lordship's honourable Council of State, made since the last Session of Assembly, relative to the Fees of all or any of the Officers in this Province," was delivered to me.

As I apprehend, that my Compliance with the said Order would be repugnant to the Nature and Duty of my Office, so, I hope, I shall be excused in not executing the Direction.

I am, Gentlemen, with great Respect,

To the Committee of Aggrievances  
and Courts of Justice.

Your most humble Servant,

U. SCOTT.

ORDERED, That they be read; and they were severally read accordingly.

On Motion, the Question was put, That the Subject Matter of the said Report be taken into Consideration on Thursday the 17th Instant; Resolved in the Affirmative.

On Motion, ORDERED, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill for amending the Staple of Tobacco, for preventing Frauds in his Majesty's Customs, and for the Limitation of Officers Fees; and that Mr. Hall, Mr. Hand, Mr. Allen, Mr. Hammond, Mr. Steele, Mr. Dennis, Mr. Grahame, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Tilghman, Mr. Poca, Mr. Chase, Mr. Jordan, Mr. Tyler, and Mr. So. Wright, do prepare and bring in the same.

On Motion, ORDERED, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill for the Trial of all Matters of Fact in the several Counties where they have arisen or shall arise; and that Mr. Tilghman, Mr. Ennalls, Mr. T. Wright, Mr. Dennis, Mr. Allen, and Mr. Poca, do prepare and bring in the same.

The House appoints Mr. James Hackman, and Mr. John Courts Jones, Committee Clerks.

ORDERED, That they be qualified.

Daniel of St. Thomas Jenifer, Esq; from the Upper House, delivers to Mr. Speaker, a Petition of the Rector, Vestrymen, Freeholders and Parishioners of Prince George's Parish, lying in Frederick and Prince George's Counties, praying that an Act may pass, to empower the Magistrates of said Counties to levy on the taxable Inhabitants of the said Parish, the Quantity of Ninety-six Thousand Pounds of Tobacco, for building a new Church at the Place where the old one now stands; which was read a First and Second Time, and Leave given to bring in a Bill pursuant to the Prayer of the said Petition.

ORDERED, That Mr. Luckett, Mr. Wootton, Mr. Beatty, Mr. Beall, Mr. Tyler, Mr. Contee, and Mr. Sim, do prepare and bring in the same.

Also, a Petition of the Vestrymen and Churchwardens of St. Luke's Parish, in Queen-Anne's County, praying that a Law may pass, empowering the Vestry and Churchwardens of the said Parish, for the Time being, to dispose of the Pews in the Chapel of Ease in said Parish, in such Manner as may appear to them most advantageous and convenient to the Parishioners, or point out some particular Mode of Distribution of the said Pews: Which was read the First Time and ordered to lie on the Table.

The House adjourns till To-morrow Morning 9 o'Clock.

F R I D A Y, October 11th, 1771.

THE House met. All Members present as on Yesterday.  
The Proceedings of Yesterday were read.  
Mr. Worthington appeared in the House.

Mr.