

Judgment, if demanded and delivered, leave out "if demanded and delivered." Comissary-General's Fees; every Letter of Administration, or Letters Testamentary, if granted by the Comissary-General, leave out "if granted by the Comissary-General." For every Bond, if taken by him, leave out "if taken by him." Every Oath, if administered by him, leave out "if administered by him." A Warrant to Appraisers, if granted by him, leave out "if granted by him." A Warrant to swear them, if granted by him, leave out "if granted by him." On reading the said Amendments proposed, the Question was put in the Lower House, which of the Two following Questions shall be first put, *viz.* Whether this House agrees to all the Amendments proposed by the Upper House to the said Bill, or not? Or, Whether several Questions shall be put upon the several Amendments proposed by the Upper House, or not? Resolved that the Question be put, Whether this House agrees to all the Amendments proposed by the Upper House to the said Bill, or not? The Question was put, and resolved in the Affirmative.

If however, in any Cases, Orders are improperly charged, let the old Table be corrected, so as to prevent such Charge in Future.

We presume that no Service was directed by the old Table, for which some Reward was not intended, especially when to the Description of the Service a Reward is expressly annexed; but if the Service be supposed to consist of distinct Parts, and a Reward be generally annexed, either this Sum must be due or Nothing; for there is no Rule of Apportionment.

Ex. Gra. The old Table gave the Secretary 7 lb of Tobacco *per Side* for filing and recording every Declaration and other Pleadings. If the Term *Recording* necessarily means transcribing into a large Book, which we conceive it does not, either the 7 lb of Tobacco are due for filing, or Nothing. If Nothing be due, then on Actions agreed, abated, or discontinued, however various and prolix the Pleadings, if the Proceedings have not been transcribed, the Officer was entitled to Nothing. In the new Table, the Return is added to almost every returnable Process. In the Case of *Audita Querela* 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ lb of Tobacco are given. On the Principle above suggested, either the Reward of 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ lb of Tobacco would be due for the Service of issuing the Process, or Nothing would be due for it without a Return, because there is no applicable Rule of Apportionment.

If however on a just Construction of the old Table, and on a proper Consideration of the general Allowance and Usage as far as the Matter may be traced, it should appear that the Secretary and County Clerks have charged for recording where they should not, the Instances in which the improper Charges have been made being ascertained, we are willing such may be guarded against in future by Corrections, or new Descriptions, and these too are our Sentiments in respect of the Examiner-General, and the Surveyors.

We have already declared why we think the old Table is primarily to be considered, and discover no Reason for altering our Opinion in what you have last said. So far as a Reduction may be intended, we shall not agree to the new Table. So far as Explanations or Corrections of the old may be proper, we are willing to examine the new Table, and to adopt such Parts of it as may answer this Design, and for this Purpose to take both the old and new under Consideration.

Which was read and ordered to lie on the Table.

Mr. Lloyd appeared in the House.

The House proceeded further to an Hearing on the Petition of *William Husband, &c.* and after some Time spent therein, referred the same for further Consideration To-morrow Morning.

Mr. Joseph Richardson, and Mr. Handy, have Leave of Absence.

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

T H U R S D A Y, November 14th, 1771.

THE House met. All Members appeared as on Yesterday.

The Proceedings of Yesterday were read.

The Petition of the Rector, Vestrymen, &c. of *Saint John's* (commonly called *King George's*) Parish, was read the First and Second Time, and granted, Leave given to bring in a Bill pursuant to the Prayer of the said Petition. ORDERED, That Mr. Beall, Mr. Tyler, Mr. Smallwood, and Mr. Harrison, do prepare and bring in the same.

Mr. So. Wright brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker, a Bill, entitled, *An Act to regulate the Criminal Business of Baltimore County*: Which was read the First Time and ordered to lie on the Table.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act for the Security of Purchasers and others, being Protestants, claiming by or from Aliens*, was read with the Amendment proposed by the Upper House, and the Amendment was rejected.

ORDERED, That the said Bill be enforced by a Message to the Upper House.

ORDERED, That Mr. Wootton, Mr. Lockett, Mr. Handy, and Mr. Hall, do prepare and bring in the said Message.

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