

that it would reduce his Income below the Regard of a Gentleman. If the double Charge, as you call it, should be disputed, what would be the Decision, or whether the Commissary-General would think proper to bring his Suit on a *Quantum Meruit*, or on the Testamentary or Administration Bond of the Party, or in any other Manner, we can't undertake to say; but presume you will agree with us in Opinion, that if no new Regulation of the Fees should be established, the Pauper Estates, instead of £. 30, as settled by the late Inspection Act, will only be £. 10; and the Jurisdiction of the Deputy Commissaries will not exceed £. 50, instead of being extended to £. 150, according to the Enlargement of it by the Inspection Act, and that it would be for the Ease and Convenience of the People, Pauper Estates should be £. 30; and the Jurisdiction of the Deputy Commissaries extended to £. 150. Do you chuse that the Regulation of Fees proposed by the Bill of 1745, which you have mentioned in Terms of so much Approbation, should now be established? Be pleased to declare explicitly. We are willing to adopt that Regulation. Or do you mean to contend for the Reduction in the Article of the double Charge, as you call it, upon the Authority of the Bill of 1745, and your Persuasion that the Framers of it were particularly attentive to, and careful of, the publick Convenience, and depart from it in the other Respects? If you do, all Prospect of an Accommodation is at an End. Should it really appear that there have been improper Charges for recording, we can only repeat, what we have already expressly declared, that we are willing such Charges may be prevented in future.

Which was read.

*The House adjourns till To-morrow Morning Half after 8 o'Clock.*

T H U R S D A Y, November 21st, 1771.

THE House met. All Members present as on Yesterday.

The Proceedings of Yesterday were read.

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

By the COMMITTEE appointed to enquire into the Truth of the Facts contained in the Petition of George Frazier Hawkins, surviving Executor of John Stone Hawkins, deceased.

IN Obedience to the Order of the Honourable House, your Committee have enquired into the Facts aforesaid, and do find, that the said *John Stone Hawkins*, by his last Will and Testament, dated 25th Day of November, Seventeen Hundred and Sixty-three, devised Part of his real Estate to be sold for Payment of Debts, and all the Remainder of his Lands or real Estate he gave to his Daughter *Susanna Priscilla* in Tail, with divers Remainders over, and thereby appointed the Petitioner and a certain *George Frazer*, since deceased, his Executors. That the said *Susanna Priscilla* is still living, a Minor under the Age of Twelve Years. And your Committee further find, that by the last Settlement made with the Commissary-General, (including an Allowance of One Thousand Pounds *Maryland* Currency for Lands sold) it appears that there is a Balance due to the said *George Frazier Hawkins*, Executor as aforesaid, of Fourteen Hundred and Sixty-six Pounds Nineteen Shillings and Seven pence Gold Currency; and your Committee have examined the said Settlement, and find it right, except an Error of a few Shillings in casting up, which reduces said Balance to Fourteen Hundred and Sixty-six Pounds Three Shillings and Five-pence current Money aforesaid.

It does not appear to your Committee that there is any other Estate of the said *John Stone Hawkins* liable to Payment of Debts, except the Land mentioned in the said Petition.

All which is submitted to the Consideration of the honourable House,

Signed per Order,

JOHN C. JONES, Cl. Com.

Which was read; and the Petition of *George Frazier Hawkins* was read and granted; and Leave given to the Petitioner to bring in a Bill pursuant to the Prayer of the said Petition.

Mr. Smallwood, Mr. Gale, and Mr. Beatty, have Leave of Absence.

*Daniel Dulany*, Esq; from the Upper House, delivers to Mr. Speaker, the Bill, entitled, *An Act to levy on the taxable Inhabitants of Baltimore County, the Quantity of Three Hundred Thousand Pounds of Tobacco, for finishing and compleating the Court-House and Prison of the said County.*

And, a Bill, entitled, *An Act to empower Elizabeth Williams, Administratrix of George Williams, with the Will annexed, to make and execute the Conveyances therein mentioned;* severally endorsed:

“By the Upper House of Assembly, Nov. 20, 1771: Read the First Time and ordered to lie on the Table.”

Signed by Order,

U. SCOTT, Cl. Up. Ho.”

“By the Upper House of Assembly, Nov. 21, 1771: Read the Second Time and will pass.”

Signed by Order,

U. SCOTT, Cl. Up. Ho.”

Which Bills were read here, and passed for engrossing.

Also the Bill, entitled, *An Act for amending and declaring the Law in the Cases therein mentioned;* thus endorsed: “By the Upper House of Assembly, November 20th, 1771: Read the First Time and ordered to lie on the Table.”

Signed by Order,

U. SCOTT, Cl. Up. Ho.”

“By the Upper House of Assembly, November 21st, 1771: Read the Second Time and will pass with the following Amendments; viz. Leave out the Word “impleaded” in the 17th