

14 VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS, JUNE 1773.

In Obedience to the Order of your Honourable House, your Committee applied to Edward Glavin, Clerk of the Provincial Court, Esq. Follett, Register of the Commissary's Office, James Smith, Register in Chancery, and William Smart, Clerk of the Land Office, and requested them to inform your Committee what Fees are taken or charged in the said Offices, and by what Authority they are so taken; to which your Committee obtained Answer in Writing, which are hereto annexed.

All which is submitted to the Consideration of the Honourable House.

Signed by Order,

THO. BROOKE HODGKIN, Cl. Com.

To the Gentlemen of the Lower House appointed a Committee to inspect the publick Offices.

GENTLEMEN,

WHILST the late Inspection Law was in Force, the Fees in the Secretary's Office were charged according to the Directions of that Law. Ever since that Law fell, the Lawyers practising in the Provincial Court have ordered Executions comprehending the Costs. By the honourable Judges of the Provincial Court, I was directed to make out the Costs according to the said Rates, and I have been ordered and directed by the Secretary to charge the Fees of the said Office according to the said Rates, with this Difference, that they who make Tobacco and they who do not make Tobacco may choose to pay in Tobacco, or in Money after the Rate of 12/6 per 100 lb Tobacco; and in this Manner the Fees of the Secretary's Office have been charged to the Suitors.

I am, Gentlemen, your most obedient humble servant,

R. GHISELIN.

Annapolis, 22d June, 1773.

GENTLEMEN,

IN due Compliance with your Directions to me, I beg Leave to inform you, that in Pursuance of the Directions of the Commissary General, I have continued to charge the Fees due to him, since the Expiration of the late Inspection Law, according to the Table of Fees settled by that Law, whilst it remained in Force; with the Alternative to the People, to pay, either in Tobacco, or in Money at Twelve Shillings and Six Pence for every Hundred Pound of Tobacco.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your most obedient Humble Servant,

ELIE VALLETTE, Register of the Prerogative Office.

To the Honourable the Committee appointed to inspect the publick Offices.

June 22d, 1773.

GENTLEMEN,

WHILST the late Inspection Law was in Force, the Fees in the Chancery Office were charged according to the Directions of that Law; from the Time the said Law expired, the Fees have been charged for each Service according to the Limitation and Allowance of the Rates prescribed by the said Law; with this Difference, that Planters, as well as those who are not Makers of Tobacco, have been, and still are, left to choose, whether they will pay in Tobacco, or in Money after the Rate of 12/6 common Money for One Hundred Pounds of Tobacco, and I have in this Manner charged Fees in the Chancery Office by the Order and Direction of the Secretary.

To the Gentlemen of the Lower House, appointed a Committee to inspect the publick Offices.

I am, Gentlemen, very respectfully,

Your most obedient humble Servant,

JAMES BROOKS.

Annapolis the 22d June, 1773.

GENTLEMEN,

IN Obedience to your Requisition of Yesterday, I beg Leave to inform you, that I have charged the Fees of the Land Office agreeable to the Regulation of the late Inspection Law, computing the Value of Tobacco at Twelve Shillings and Six Pence common Currency for every Hundred Weight; and this I have done by Order of the Judges.

To the Gentlemen of the Lower House appointed a Committee to inspect the publick Offices.

I am, Gentlemen, with Respect,

Your obedient humble Servant,

WILLIAM STEUART, Register.

June 23d, 1773.

Which was read and ordered to lie on the Table.

On Motion, ORDERED, That the Governor's First Message of the 22d June be read; and the same was read accordingly.

ORDERED, That a Bill be brought in to prevent counterfeiting the Paper Money of other Colonies, and that Mr. J. Hall, Mr. Pava, Mr. Key, and Mr. Tolly, do prepare and bring in the same.

On Motion, ORDERED, That the Governor's Second Message of same Date be read; and the same was read accordingly.

On Motion, ORDERED, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill to enable the Representatives of deceased Treasurers to pay over the Balances in their Hands to the succeeding Treasurers; and that Mr. J. Hall, Mr. Thomas, Mr. Coates, Mr. Johnson, and Mr. Richardson, do prepare and bring in the same.

On Motion, ORDERED, That Mr. Pava, Mr. Thomas, and Mr. Wilson, do prepare an Address to his Excellency in Answer to his Two Messages of the 22d Instant.

John Adams, Esq, from the Upper House, delivers to Mr. Speaker sundry Prisoners Petitions, thus indorsed; "By the Upper House of Assembly, June 24, 1773: Read and referred to the Consideration