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M<sup>r</sup> Speaker with the rest of the Members of the house appointed goe vp to the Councill Chamber vpon the Conference appointed Saturday Last, where they were admitted.

M<sup>r</sup> Speaker acquaints his Ex<sup>ncy</sup> that he was appointed by the house with severall other Gentlemen to attend their Hono<sup>rs</sup> to giue them Sattisfaction in Relation to the Message sent them on Saturday, and as to the greatest part of the said Message he was ready to Complye with their Hono<sup>rs</sup> therein, but as to that part relateing to Officers ffees, the house had giuen him in Charge to acquaint their Hono<sup>rs</sup> that they had fully searcht into that Matter, and vnderstanding all things pertinent to that question haue Unanimosly declared that it is the Undovbted Right of the ffreemen of this Province, that noe Officers ffees ought to be imposed vpon them but by the Consent of the Representatives in an Assembly, and that this Liberty was Established & asserted by severall Acts of Parliam<sup>t</sup> the Authority of which is soe great as to receiue noe answer, but by repeale of the said Statutes; & produced the same with severall other Authorities to which the Gouverno<sup>rs</sup> Answer was: that his instructions from his Maj<sup>ties</sup> was to lessen & moderate the Exorbitancy of them, and not to Settle them, to which M<sup>r</sup> Speaker Replyed that they were thankfull to his Maj<sup>tie</sup> for the same, but withall did desire that noe ffees might be Lessen'd or advanced, but by the Consent of the Assembly to which the Gouverno<sup>r</sup> agreed.

As to the Makeing the Lawes perpe that board, that they were ready as it might be agreeable to the being in its infancy & the often altering of the

His Ex<sup>ncy</sup> presents to M<sup>r</sup> Courtney all reco-  
mends the pre Masters towards their this house  
for some abuse received

M<sup>r</sup> Wynne Mooues the Lawes and it was agreed  
King and Queens most

The Act about the his Ex<sup>ncy</sup> to be read which  
Councill.

His Ex<sup>ncy</sup> thinks it Nec should be agreed vpon for the  
Cutting [of horses] the which was Ex<sup>ncy</sup> to appoint.

Then Likewise it was agreed & Consented to that all ffines & fforfeitures to the King should be Leavyed by way of Execution.

The aforesaid conference being ended, M<sup>r</sup> Speaker with the rest of the members returne to the State house, & Take their places.

The generall thankes of the house is Voted to be giuen M<sup>r</sup> Speaker for his prudent Managem<sup>t</sup> of the aforesaid Conference before the Gouverno<sup>r</sup> & Councill this day.