

U. H. J. the happy Effects you Expect from my Government directed by the resolutions I have taken to make the Publick Good the Rule of it

The Subject matter of the Act for Limitation of officers Fees, has with various opinions taken up much Time and Consideration and least some might think me Partial to my Self, because the nameing the Persons Employed in several Offices
 p. 6 of Government is in me, I have been sensibly touch'd about it, and the more so, since the late Reasons offer'd to induce me not to dissent thereto, unhappily differ so widely from my own.

I think the Continual Affluence of People will multiply Business, Care and Hands, as well as enumerate The Officers' Fees and by your way of Reasoning Gentlemen of the Lower House, you may as well from Time to Time lessen what they now Enjoy as you have what they formerly did, nor am I fully Convinc'd should the fluctuating Condition of our Staple so improve (w^{ch} God Grant it may) as to Double their Profits to what the Low State of it has now rendered them they would not have more than an Ample Compensation for their Labours altho Constantly resideing among you. But as it is, and I Conceive very Justly thought necessary that some Certain Officers of the State should be supported about the Person of your Proprietary in Great Brittain in such manner as to be able Plentifully out of the Profits of their Offices to gratify such Deputy or Deputies as the Busieness necessary to be transacted in the Province requires so I Cannot believe the Limitation of them from what they have been, will prove in the end, any Great Advantage to the Publick.

Possibly the Fees allow'd in Virginia may not be so much in Tobacco, as those allowed by us, Yet if I am not misinformed the Different matter of Their Tobacco from ours
 p. 7 makes an Ample Amends; however since you Gentlemen the Delegates of the People so earnestly desire I would not dissent to the said Act, I have not; trusting that you your selves will one Day see Cause to revive and alter it.

Gentlemen of the Lower House

I Cannot omitt thanking you for your most obliging Letter, under the hand of Rob^t Ungle Esq^r your very worthy Speaker, and am pleased with the occasion you thereby give me in this Publick manner of declaring how acceptable any Thing is to me, which you Apprehend may prove advantageous to the Staple of our Countrey.

The great Quantity of bad Tobacco lately given up to be burnt whereby his Majesty has been so Considerable a Loser