

L. H. J. Lib. No. 45 money in his hands than such as arose on the Duty of 3<sup>d</sup> p hh<sup>d</sup> for arms and Ammunition. Ordered that an Order be drawn on Mr William Hunt Merchant in London payable to the said Samuel Hyde for the said Sume of £50.15.10 Sterl. out of the money in said Hunts hands due from him to the Publick.

Mr Matthews delivers following Report

By the Committee of Aggreivances and Courts of Justice  
May 16<sup>th</sup> 1738.

Your Committee observing that the Fees of several Officers and Ministers of this Province their deputed Ministers Servants and Officers are in Themselves as now paid excessive great and Oppressive to the Subject, that the said Fees are under no regulation of any Law of this Province that appear to your Committee.

That the said Officers and Ministers their deputed Ministers Servants and Officers by a power of a proclamation of the Right Honourable the Lord Propfy dated the 14<sup>th</sup> day of April 1733 and one order of Council dated 15<sup>th</sup> of July 1735, hereunto annexed, charge, levy, raise and Receive from his Majestys Subjects of this Province such Fees so as afs<sup>d</sup> burthensome, great and oppressive to the discouragement ruin and undoing many of his Majestys Liege Subjects, and even the said Colour of power is exceeded by the unlimitted will of many of the said Officers Ministers and their Deputys, Your Committee most humbly conceive that by the Common and Statute Laws of our Mother Country Great Britain (which of undoubted right and by the resolves of your Honourable House the Subjects here have and are declared to have a right to enjoy) such like Fees have been Settled and regulated by Courts of Justice or by Acts of Parliament. Your Committee further most humbly observe that from the earliest time of the settlement of this Province by British Subjects such fees have been adjusted and regulated by Acts of the General Assembly and not by any other Power or Authority untill of late.

Your Committee most humbly conceive that such Proclamations or orders of Council binding or determining the right or Property of the Subject are invasions on the Fundamental Constitution of this Province under the Royal Charter and against the lawful rights and Liberties of his Majestys Leige Subjects.

Your Committee humbly observe that in one of the first Acts made, Fees were rated in Money and Tobacco, which rate in money being (no doubt) adequate to the Service, such Officers Ministers and their Deputies were thereby restrained not to exceed it.

Your Committee likewise most humbly observe that many poor Tradesmen, Artificers Labourers and others throughout this Province making no Tobacco, execute their Trade Artifice Labour or