

a connection, that the latter may be properly considered as the protectors of the former. And if the Judge be really desirous of removing a portion of the unpopularity, under which he admits that the Courts of Vice Admiralty have labored for 150 years on this Continent, he cannot do so more effectually than by concurring in having the Fees of the Judge of the Court abolished, and those of the Officers and Practitioners of the Court properly regulated, and defined by the Legislature.

The Committee conceiving that if they had not replied to the observations of the Honorable Judge, his allegations might have been subversive of the object of their Memorial and considered as admitted by the Committee, have gone into the subject at greater length, and trespassed longer on your Excellency's patience than they could have wished. But they trust that their statements and reasoning may be found just, and that they have not failed in their endeavour to convey the same to your Excellency, dispassionately and in the most respectful manner—all which is by order of the Committee most humbly submitted by your Excellency's

Most obedient,  
&c. &c. &c.

(Signed,)

W. FINLAY.

A true Copy,

H. Craig,  
Secretary.

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(Copy.)

Memoranda as to the appointment of the Judge of the Court of Vice Admiralty and his claim to Fees :

James Potts, Esquire.

Secretary's Office,  
1st Register of  
Commissions, p. 6.

The *first* Judge of the Court of Vice Admiralty was appointed by General James Murray, the 24th August, 1764. By his Commission he was authorized "to take and receive all such Salaries, Fees and Perquisites as to the said Office doth or may appertain or which have at any time been taken or of right ought to be taken by any other Judge, Commissary and Deputy of any of the Courts of Vice Admiralty in any of the Provinces in America."

Register of the Court  
of Vice Admiralty of  
Quebec, of Tuesday,  
8th Nov. 1768.

This Commission was superseded by another issued in the King's name and under the Great Seal of the High Court of Admiralty of England, bearing date the 28th day of April, 1768. By this Commission James Potts was appointed to be "His Majesty's Commissary, in the Province of Quebec, in America and Territories thereunto belonging," and "in all causes Civil and Maritime." "With the power of taking and receiving all and every the wages, fees, profits, advantages and commodities whatsoever in any manner due and antiently belonging to the said Office, according to the customs of our High Court of Admiralty in England,"—Salary not being mentioned. To