

necessary ; yet as a fee bill was insisted on, he sincerely endeavoured to render it as unexceptionable as possible, and as Chairman of the Committee for law fees, he went through the business with all possible expedition, and duly made his report. By the terms in which the Governor has mentioned this matter, your Lordships will be led to imagine that the Chief-Justice had taken exorbitant fees, and therefore endeavoured to delay, and if possible to prevent a bill for the regulation of fees. The truth is, he has never received *a single fee*, or any perquisite of any kind whatever, except the salaries his Majesty has been pleased to allow him.

Mr. Finlay, joint Postmaster General in America, and Mr. Grant, acting Receiver General, each of them proposed a bill which they represented as of great public utility, and very necessary to the preservation and collection of that part of his Majesty's revenue entrusted to their respective care ; the Chief-Justice voted for the commitment of both bills, because they were offered by those to whom his Majesty had committed the care of these matters ; and it was a great indecency to refuse their bills the common attention of being considered by a committee.

Col. Caldwell (who commanded the British militia during the siege of 1775-6) made a motion for some alterations in the militia ordinance, and
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