

### **Regulator Petition, October 4, 1768<sup>1</sup>**

That your Poor Petitioners having been Continually Squeezed and oppressed by our Publick Officers both with Regard to their fees as also in the Laying on of Taxes as well as in Collecting together with Iniquitous Appropriations and Wrong Applications, of the Same & being Grieved thus to have our Substance torn from us, and no ends nor Bounds were Like to be Set to Such Illegal Practices we applied to our public officers to give us some Satisfaction on the Several Heads which they Repeatedly denied us, We Still remain in doubt as to the Exorbitand Demands of the Officers uppon a Petition to his Excellency thank to his Clemency, by order of Mr Attorney General, and through his Spirited Behaviour and upright Conduct in Conjunction with the Honourable Judges we hope a stop will be put to Such cruel Oppressions.

### **Regulator Petition, October 27, 1769<sup>2</sup>**

And may it pleaes you to consider of, and pass an Act, whereby to allow Clerks of the Courts, Crown & certain yearly stated salarys, instead of perquisite, making it highly penal for any Clerk to demand, or event to receive, directly, or indirectly; any fee, gift, or reward, under Colour of his Office: any other than his certain state Salary; & in order to raise the said Salarys, may it Please you, to lay a certain fine of so much in the pound, on every Action brought to Tryal, which said fines, shall be collected at the same Time, & in the same Manner with all other Taxes. And may it please you to consider of, and pass an Act; effectually to refrain Lawyers from demanding or even receiving, any other, or greater fee, or reward, than is now established by the Laws of this province, with only half so much for all such Actions, as shall be compromisd before Tryal.

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<sup>1</sup> North Carolina General Assembly Session Records, Colonial (Upper and Lower Houses) Nov.-Dec., 1766; Dec., 1767-Jan., 1768; Nov.-Dec., 1768, Box 3, North Carolina State Archives, Raleigh

<sup>2</sup> North Carolina General Assembly Session Records, Colonial (Upper and Lower Houses) Oct.,-Nov., 1769; Dec., 1770-Jan., 1771, Box 4, North Carolina State Archives, Raleigh

**“Bill for preventing tumultuous & riotous Assemblies,” December 1770<sup>3</sup>**

If any persons to the number of ten or more being unlawfully, tumultuously and Riotously assembled together to the disturbance of the publick peace at any time after the first day of February next and being openly required or commanded by any one or more Justice or Justices of the peace or Sheriff to disperse themselves and peacably to depart to their habitations, shall to the number of ten or more, notwithstanding such command or request made, remain or continued together by the space of one hour after such command or request that then such continuing together to the number of ten or more shall be Adjudged Felony, and the Offenders therein and each of them shall be Adjudged Felons and shall suffer Death as in cases of Felony and be utterly excluded from his or their Clergy.

And be it further Enacted, that the Justices of every Inferior Court shall Cause this Act to be Read at the Court House door the second day of each Court for their Counties, and that the Minister Clerk or Reader of every Parish in this Province, shall Read or Cause the Same to be Read at every Church Chapel or other place of Publick Worship within their Respective parishes, once in three months at least, immediately after Divine Service, during the Continunace of this Act.

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<sup>3</sup> North Carolina General Assembly Session Records, Colonial (Upper and Lower Houses) Oct.,-Nov., 1769; Dec.,1770-Jan.,1771, Box 4, North Carolina State Archives, Raleigh