

L. H. J. Read and Ordered that M<sup>r</sup> William Round and Mary his Wife and Abraham Turner be served with a Copy of the pet<sup>o</sup> that they may Appear here next Sessions if they think fitt to Answer the same pet<sup>o</sup> And leave given all Parties to Subpœnâ Evidences to the next Sessions.

The Report of the Committee of Accounts relating to the maintenance formerly Provided for his L<sup>pps</sup> hoñble Council was read and Ordered to be entered as follows Viz.

By the Comē of Accounts  
May the 31<sup>st</sup> 1717.

Pursuant to the Order of the lower House of Assembly We have inspected into the Laws of this pvince and amongst them We find an Act of Assembly made March 1670/1 that raised two Shillings p hh<sup>d</sup> to the right honble Cecilius then Lord and Prop<sup>ry</sup> of the said Province dureing his life time to enable him in some measure to defray the many great and Necessary Expences of Government and in particular to allow Convenient Sallarys and Encouragement to the Lievtent<sup>t</sup> generall and Chief Governour And to the Privy Council of the Lord & Prop<sup>ry</sup> of the province for the then Time being so as w<sup>th</sup>out Prejudice to their Private Affair they might be encouraged and reasonably required to attend unto the Administracōn of Justice and other publick Concernments as also towards the maintaining a Constant Magazine with Arms and Ammunition for the Defence of the Province and the Other Twelve pence p hh<sup>d</sup> was raised in Consideracōn of the Lord Prop<sup>ry</sup> taking his Quit rents and fines for Alienacōns in Tobacco at Two pence p pound.

We also find One Other Act of Assembly made May 1674 that gives the said Two Shillings p hh<sup>d</sup> in the same manner as above by the first Law to the af<sup>d</sup> Lord Prop<sup>ry</sup> during his Life and after his Decease to his Son Charles Calvert Esq<sup>r</sup> then Cap<sup>t</sup> generall and Govern<sup>r</sup> of Maryland, during his Life.

We also further find An Act of Assembly made May 1676 th<sup>t</sup> Gives the said Two Shillings p hh<sup>d</sup> in the same Manner as af<sup>d</sup> to the right hoñble Charles then Lord and Prop<sup>ry</sup> during his Life and after his Decease to his eldest Son Cecilius during his Life as p the Severall Laws, reference being thereto had more at large appear.

Signed p Order Jon Beale Cl. Com.

Brought down from the Committee of Laws an Answer to his Excy's Speech which being read in the house was ordered to be entered as follows Viz.