

in the Lord Baltimore's time that in the Assembly held in 1692 in his Excellency's Government's time two of that Honourable Council were added to the Committee of Accounts but not admitted being denied their Votes and thereupon did not sit in the said Committee and for the Apportioning the publick Levy Assessed that Assembly they did not sit nor were they appointed by the Law therefore nor ever since till the last Assembly

The said Gentlemen not being elected or being the Representatives of the Country have no right to dispose of the publick Expenses and of his Excellency and his Majesty's Honourable Council will not Assent to the Law as proposed we cannot to any Alteration

We have Instantly made Answer to all things that were Proposed according to the sense of this House though perhaps not to Excellency's Satisfaction yet know not why we should not be detained here on purpose to constrain us to comply with your Excellency in those things which are not Agreeable to the sense of this House nor for the Advantage of the Country

As to the Accounts of Governor Opley's time

We do not think it without time to look back so far upon the said Accounts not knowing where to have Satisfaction for any thing amongst them

Signal of Order W. Bladen Clerk of the House

It is Remarked on the Minutes of the House this day brought by M^r Campbell and others

- 1 That the Bill of Renewal not passing can in no ways be laid to the Charge of his Excellency or his Majesty's Honourable Council considering the passing it in those words would be directly Opposite to one if not both of those two Royal Instructions of his Sacred Majesty laid before you therefore you are the Cause of all the ill Consequences that shall happen for want of Revising those Laws which will expire at the end of this Session
- 2 About M^r Sewall this Board do say that tho you have the Power of issuing money yet you cannot dispose of the same without the joint Consent of his Excellency and his Majesty's Honourable Council
- 3 About the Reflection cast upon his Majesty's Honourable Council the Answer of the House thereto is as is Resented as their Intended Resolve in that matter
- 5 Concerning the Committee about Indian Affairs in October his Excellency does say that he with advice of his Majesty's Honourable Council has Power Paramount to yours of Calling together any number of men to Consult of any matter or thing for his Majesty or the Country's Service which that was for and that Greater number may appoint a Committee to draw up the several matters and things into certain heads which was by them done and his Excellency not with them and whoever reported to your House that those which he called together upon that most Urgent and Weighty Occasion in Order to the putting his Majesty's Siege People of this his Province to as little Charge as possible) durst not freely deliberate the matter with him and does not prove it upon Oath he looks upon it to be a false Scandalous and Seditious Report upon this his Majesty's Government, When the Clerk of this Board agreed with the last Assembly and not this It was upon the same foot with the Clerk of the House and if further allowance is thought fit to be made to him the same Reason Subsists for the other
- 6 As to what Answer you gave in relation to M^r Benjamin Hall's Protested Bill this Board does say that if it does not consist with the Honour of your House the said Matter should be referred it does not consist with the Justice of his Excellency and his Majesty's Honourable Council to allow of it until they are better Satisfied