

Resolutions accordingly. The Upper House on their part insist that such Allowance ought in reason to be made, & that they will not pass the Journal without it, while the Lower say that if he ought to be paid for his Services he should be satisfied out of the Duty on Tobacco for Support of Government & the Fines & Forfeitures. By the Messages that pass't between the Two Houses on this Subject (if I can get them copied time enough to be herewith sent for they are pretty long) you will see what was advanced at this time by each House in support of their respective Resolutions. At the time the Affair of the Journal was depending a Number of People came to Town from the Upper Part of this County & Prince Georges in order as it was given out to make the Upper House pass the Journal without any Allowance to the Clerk of the Council but after a Day or two they all dispersed & tho it had been intimated that they would compel M^r Ross to relinquish his Claim or pull down his House which terrified him so much that he desired the Upper House to wave it they committed no Act of Violence whatever nor did the Upper House think fit to take any notice of their being in Town or to alter their Measures at all on that Account. The Truth is that from the People's succeeding so far by their riotous Meetings & Proceedings in the several Colonies as to force the Persons who had been appointed Destributors of the Stamps to resign their Offices they begin to think they can by the same Way of Proceeding accomplish any thing their Leaders may tell them they ought to do, & really I know not whether the Civil Power in any of the Colonies will be sufficient of itself to re-establish Order & enforce the Observance of the Laws at least for sometime & yet if any Person here should on that Account urge the Expediency of applying for any Military Force he would be deemed an Enemy to his Country & be treated accordingly. In my Letter dated the 11th of last Month I told you that altho the People of this Province seem'd determined against receiving the Stamp't Paper the Courts payd so much respect to the Act of Parliament as not to proceed to do any Business wherein the Act directed Stamp't Paper to be used, & the Conduct of the Courts & all the Officers hath been ever since the same except in one Instance where the Justices of Frederick County being met in order to lay the County Levy & adjust how much each Person was to pay towards the Current Charges of the County for the last year directed the Clerk to enter Bail on behalf of a person who had been arrested & was in the Sheriffs Custody; M^r Darnall the Clerk refusing to do so unless Stamp't Paper could be procured the Court deem'd his Refusal a Contempt & would have committed him had he not complied with their Order, but they did