

be Laid to their Charge, or of framing a Counter Representation, to Introduce at least the Proceedings about the Lottery, and at the Secretarys Office. I do not see that I want any further Authority than what is contained in the minit of the Council, nor any further Instructions than what the Gentlemen are already preparing, nor will there be any Occasion for money till some Proceeding is had, of which I shall immediately Apprize your Excellency, and then the Gentlemen, will, If they please, give me Credit as far as Two hundred Pounds or Three hundred Pounds to be made use of when wanted.

The Expençe of the Retainers, the only one hitherto incurred, his Lordship has Insisted upon repaying me. The Powers assumed by the Lower House are contrary to all usage of Parliament, Except at a time when the whole Parliameñt consisted of one House only. Nor did their Committee even in those times Claim an Active Authority during the Adjournment of the House. Nor is there an Instance in the Journals of either House of their sending Committees to Examine Records in the Council or other State Offices, but they address the Crown, and that chiefly in revenue Matters, and what is proper is Granted them, and your Excellency well knows that what is thus Granted them is always paid for to the Patentee by the Crown who are Invested with a large Civil List (and even by Extraordinary allowances to their own immediate offices; much less did either House of Parliament ever Call for the production of Original Books or Records from any office (unless for the Record of the Return upon an Election in order to amend it or on suspicion of Alteration or the like) and the proper Officer attended with it, so that in reality it is never taken out of his Custody.

M^r William Hunt who was Joint Trustee with M^r Capel Hanbury for the Affairs relative to the Paper Currency being Dead, The latter has recommended M^r Osgood Hanbury his Partner to be Joyned in the Trust with him, with an Intimation that the Amount of the Commission for transacting the business is not large, and that he and his late Partner have received no more than £397 9 4 from it in all since 28th April 1750. His Lordship was unwilling to Exercise his Power of Appointment, If it be Vested in him, without knowing your Excellency's sentiments, whether it will be agreeable to you or you think it will be so to the Province, the rather as the uniting the Partner seems to confine the Execution of the Trust to one Person only, & without thinking of any other Person from himself, he has permitted M^r Capel Hanbury to Act alone till he hears from the Province, and will then be glad to adopt the Person they Propose, or at least whom they approve.