

An Answer shall be returned to the Certificate from the Ordinance Office Original
Journal.

As to the Protested bill of Ex^a allowed M^r Benjⁿ Hall It is not Consist^t with the hono^r of this house to Delay the paym^t of soe Just a Debt and of w^{ch} we are soe well Satisfied. Therefore humbly pray Y^r Ex^{ncy} and Councill will Consent to the payment thereof

As to the paym^t of his Maj^{ties} Councill^{rs} As far as the over-plus tob^o will Extend the house agree they may be Equally Allowed

As to the proposall ab^t the Leavy Law We doe say that we make Use of noe p^rsidents in the Lord Baltremores time That in the Assembly held in 1692: in his Ex^{ncy} Govern^r Copleys time two of the hon^{ble} Councill were Added to the Com^{it}tee of Acco^{ts} but not Admitted being denyed their Votes, and thereupon did not Sit in the s^d Com^{it}tee And for the Appointing of the Publique Leavey Assesed that Assembly they did not Sitt nor were they Appointed by the Law therefore nor euer since till the last Assembly

The s^d Gentⁿ not being Elected or being the representatiues of the Country haue noe right to dispose of the Publique Assessm^{ts}

And if his Ex^{ncy} and his Maj^{ties} hono^{ble} Councill will not Assent to the law as proposed wee Cannot to any Alterac^{ōn}. p. 103
Wee haue Instantly made Answer to all things th^t were proposed according to the Sence of this house though perhapps not to Ex^{ncys} Satisfaction But know not why wee should be Detained here on purpose to Constrain us to Comply with Your Ex^{ncy} in those things w^{ch} are not agreeable to the Sence of the house nor for the Advantage of the Country

As to the Acco^{ts} of Govern^r Copleys time We doe not think it worth our time to look back so farr upon the s^d Acc^{ts} not knowing where to haue Satisfaction for anything Amis therein

Signed p Ord^r

W Bladen Cl Dom

It is remarqued on the Answer of the House this day brought by M^r Campbell & Others.

1st That the bill of Revivall not passing can in no wise be laid to the Charge of his Ex^{ncy} or his Maj^{ties} hono^{ble} Councill considering the passing it in those words could be directly opposite to one if not both of those two Royall Instructions of his Sacred Maj^{ties} laid before you ; therefore you are the Cause of all the ill Consequences that shall happen for want of Reviving those Laws which will Expire at the End of this Sessions.

2^d About M^r Sewell. This Board doe say th^t tho: you