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Committee of Accounts Therefore must now observe to you that either the Allowances on the said Journall are Iust and fitting to be made by this Assembly or otherwise Wee Beleive neither yo^r house nor this board Would Agree thereto Wherefore was yo^r Message requiring His Ex^{cys} concession to future re-trenchments contrary to her Maj^{ty}s Instrucons for Sending home Seal'd duplicates of the coppys of the laws Enacted here tachd like a peticonary bill. nay rather an undoubted right You haue to the free use of her Maj^{ty}s Great Seale for those duplicates or at least to be dispensd with in not complying with that Injunction to confirme which you haue only yo^r owne opinions.

Wee never designd or haue endeavourd but to cultivate a good Understanding with your house & promote the interest of the Countrey by readily agreeing to what was fitting for us And therefore have Avoided taking notice of Severall Messages from you Especially of that of the 30th of Sept^r by M^r Coursey And Six other Members of your house Wherein you Seem either to question our integrity.

The Allowance to this board is but one quart^r in respect to those to the Members of Your house the money raisd by Imposts was allways intended by this Board to be disposed of for defraying the publiq charge of the Countrey and Wee know not how it could be better applyed And when wee haue Assurd you that wee do not regard our owne Advantage in what is Allowd to us Wee may be Allowd to tell you without any ill Usage that wee wonder (When you are Sencible of the publiq charge) you should propose to transcribe so long A Journall of the Committee of Accounts at this time A day when the Sessions is so neer A Conclusion Therefore propose it be Assented to as it now stands And as to the foregoing dispute this Agreement will not be conclusive but the matter may more calmly & leizurely be debated Another Sessions.

Signd p order W^m Bladen Cl Co.

Which being read and debated was Answerd as foll

By the house of Delegates

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Wee would Avoid All disputes or Multiplicity of Messages but cannot depart from our priviledges. What ever is Setled by law on the publiq charge is A Iust debt but the number of Duplicates is not so Setled And What Wee are willing to do now is to the intent to Setle for the future to prevent disputes which Wee are not willing to entaile on those that Comes