

dorsed by the Lower House Read the first & second times & will pass U. H. J.

Which Bills being Read in this House the first and second times & Endorsed will pass, And were sent to the Lower House by the honble Col Addison

The honble Col Edward Lloyd came & gave in his answer to the Charge of the Lower House imposed against him the 19th Instant as followeth

In answer to the Charge of the Lower House of Assembly that during the time the said Edw^d Lloyd was Presid^t & Commander in Chief of the s^d Province They find by the Testimony of Several members of that House that on his Allegations that he had not then received nor had any certainty of receiving any Benefitt by being President, He was allowed the Sallery & itinerant Charges of a Councillour notwithstanding which He then received part & since the one full moiety of the nine pence p^h & of Sundry other perquisites Sufficient to answer his Charge of Attendance

The said Edward Lloyd Saith that He is much Surprised to find that any Gentlemen should misconceive or wrest his words for that he denyeth that ever he made such Allegations which would have been flatly opposite of the matter of Fact known not only to her Majesty's then honble Council as well as the Several Officers of the Revenue And as he presumes great part of the Assembly who had made him Allowances for several Perquisites as may appear by their Journalls But acknowledges that he has often declared that the Reward for the Services he performed in that Station was a thing very precarious as not knowing how long the same might continue or how soon be determined by her Majestys speedy dispatching a Governour in Chief into this province That as to his claiming & taking the Allowance of a Councillour He is advised & humbly conceives It was lawful for him so to do and that by virtue of his being a Councillour & the eldest of the then Council (& not as L^t Govern^r or Commander in chief of this Province) He took upon him to preside & act as a Commander in Chief on which occasion her Majesty by her royal Instructions was pleased to appoint & direct the Moiety of the said ninepence p^h & of the other Perquisites to be paid him for his better Support in that Station and that It may the more Evidently appear that the s^d Edw^d Lloyd was always understood by the Right honble the Secretary of State and Lords of Trade & Plantations even whilst He exercised the said Powers to be one of her Majesty's Council the superscriptions of all their Letters are to the honble Edward Lloyd Esq^r President of her Majesty's Council in her Majesty's