

U. H. J. late disturbances by drinking the Pretenders Health & firing the Great Guns in this City It was recommended to the Lower House for a Suitable Reward And Sent by Col Tilghman

Col Hoskins & five more brought up the following Message Viz.

By the Lower House of Assembly
August 3^d 1716

May It please your Excellency and Honours

This House hath fully heard Col Edward Lloyd and his Council in defence of what he was charged with by our Message of the 20th July last He was fully Acquainted with the
p. 260 Reasons of this Houses Resolve on that Occasion And had the opportunity of hearing Sundry Members of this House as Evidences against him Who in our Judgm^t have fully proved upon their Oaths the facts we charged him with.

We have fully considered the said Col Lloyd's Answer in writing Which you were pleased to lay before us And we find thereby that the said Col Lloyd has denied that He ever made such Allegations Which would have been flatly opposite to the matter of Fact. We have had it fully proved that such Allegations were made and if flatly opposite to matter of Fact We hope our Charge is in that part proved, We find he acknowledges that he has often declared that his Reward for the Services he performed in that Station was a thing precarious. We cannot find the said Col Lloyd had any Inducement to make such Declaration had it not been as a motive to the Country to make the Allowances complained of Which he thereby seemed tacitly to acknowledge He had not a better pretence for than by the plausible Allegations of his other Rewards being precarious Which It seems afterwards proved certain and consequently the consideration of such Allowances removed We do not find the said Col Lloyd in any part of his answer or Defence insists at all upon the Justice or reasonableness of those Allowances, but insists chiefly on his Right by the Laws of this Province And that such Allowances have been made & ought not now to be recalled We take Custom & Legislature to be the best Interpreters of the Laws And we find by the Ancient Acts where
p. 261 Councillours had Offices of profit they had no Allowances for their Attendance in Council & It is fresh in the memory of sundry members of this House that even where the Act of Assembly ascertained to every Councillour one hundred & fifty pounds tob^o p day Yet the Commissarys Gen^l being of the Council have been refused such Allowances for that the