

Wee find that your charge ag^t him is general which he has L. H. J. denied, and althô Co^l Lloyd as wee take it being one of her Ma^{ty}s Honb^{le} Councill all the while he acted as President in this Province and took the advantage of the act of Assembly for ascertaining Salleryes to the Councillors and Delegates of Assembly which wee think would have been more generous in him to have foregone, yet since that five severall Acts of Assembly have been yearly made to sanction those allowances made him and now Complained of wee can't but think it will be of ill consequence to attempt to unravell the said laws but for the future hope that care may be taken to Ease the COUNTRY of the like charge.

Signed p order W Bladen Cl: Up^r ho:

And also delivers M^r Speaker the said Co^l Edward Lloyds answer which was ordered to be entred as follows.

To his Ex^{ncy} John Hart Esq^r Cap^t general and Governour in Chief in and over this Province and the Up^r house of Assembly now sitting.

The answer of Edward Lloyd Esq^r presid^t of her late Mat^{ys} Honb^{le} Council to the Charge Imposed ag^t him by the Lower house of Assembly the 20th day of July 1716

In answer to the charge of the Lower house of Assembly that dureing the time the said Edward Lloyd was president and Commander in chief of this Province they find by the testimony of several members of that house that on his allega- P. 179 tions he had not then received nor had any certainty of receiving of any benefit of his being president he was allowed the Sallery and Itinerant Charges of a Councillor notwithstanding which he then received part and since the full one moiety of the 9^d p hh^d and of sundry of the Perquisites sufficient to answer his charge of attendance, the said Edward Lloyd sayeth that he is much surprized to find that any Gent: should misconceive or wrest his words for that he denyeth he ever made such allegations which would have been flatly opposite to the matter of fact known not onely to all her Ma^{ty}s Honb^{le} 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 severall perquisites as they became due which may appear by the Journalls But acknowledges he has often Declared that his reward for the services he performed in that Station was a thing precarious as not knowing how long the same might continue or how soon be determined by Her Ma^{ty}s Speedy dispatching a Governour in Chief into