

L. H. J.

By the Lower house of Assembly
Aug^t 3^d 1716.May It please y^r Ex^{ncy} & Hon^{rs}

This house have fully heard Co^l Edw^d Lloyd and his Council in defence of what he was Charged with by our Message of the 26th of July last he was fully acquainted with the reason of this house's resolve on that occasion and had the opportunity of hearing sundry members of this house as Evidences ag^t him who in our Judgm^t have fully proved upon their oaths the facts wee charged him with, wee have fully considered the s^d Co^l Lloyd's Answer in writeing which you were pleased to lay before us, and wee find thereby the said Co^l Lloyd has denyed that he ever made such allegations which would have been flatly opposite to the matter of fact, wee have had it fully proved that such allegations were made and if flatly opposite to the matter of fact hope our charge is in that part proved wee find he acknowledges that he has often Declared that his reward for the Services he performed in that station was a thing precarious, wee Can't find the said Co^l Lloyd had any Inducem^t to make such declaration had not it been as a motive to the Countrey to make the allowances Complained of which he thereby seemed tacitly to acknowledge he had not a better pretence for than by the plausible
p. 200 allegations of his other rewards being precarious which it seems afterwards proved certain and Consequently the Consideration of such allowances Removed.

Wee doe not find the said Co^l Lloyd in any part of his answer or Defence insists att 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 and ought not now to be recall'd Wee take Custome and the Legislature to be the Best interpreters of the laws and wee find by the ancient Acts where Councillors had offices of Profite, they had no allowances for their attendance in Council and it is fresh in the memory of Sundry members of This house that even where the act of Assembly ascertained to every Councillor one hundred and fifty pounds of To^{bo} p day yet the Comissaryes Generall being of the Council have been refused such allowance for that the p^rquisites of their offices were thought Sufficient to defray their Expences and that the very ground and reason of the Law that gave such allowances was only to bear the expences of those who had no other way to reimburse themselves their expences in the Service of the Publick wee can't allow the conclusions that Co^l Lloyd makes from the superscriptions of his Letters which rather seem designed to find out the person by the Synonymous