

with Evidences and materials; the Journals of the Lower House before 1693 and between 1696 and 1704 not being in the Assembly Office: you are therefore requested to attend immediately so that we may have the Inspection of the said Journals.

Lib. J. R.
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Annapolis 19th February 1767.

To
M^r Reverdy Ghiselin
Clerk of the Secertarys Office

We are Sir
Your humble Servants
Robert Lloyd
Will^m Murdock
Edw^d Tilghman
Tho^s Ringgold
Tho^s Johnson Jun.
John Hall.

This House having at this Session as well as most others since the year 1739 passed a Bill to raise Money to Support an Agent to be employed by them, at the Court of London to represent their Grievances to his Majesty and transact the Provincial Affairs and the same having been constantly refused by the Upper House and the Journal of Accounts having also been refused by their Honours ever since the year 1756. unless this House would make an Allowance by a Tax on the People for an Annual Salary to the Clerk of his Lordships Council of State over and above his Allowance as Clerk of the Upper House and over and above his Fees settled by Law in the year 1747. as Clerk of the Council contrary to their fixed and settled Opinion that the said Clerk his reasonable reward as well as every expence necessarily attending the Execution of the Powers of Government ought to be defrayed out of the Fines Forfeitures Amerciaments, 12^d p Hogshead and other Monies received under Colour of Law to defray the Expences of Government by which means Public Credit having been greatly injured and in a manner annihilated and the Publick Creditors so long kept out of their Just Claims as to be reduced to the greatest Distress and some of them to a State of Despair altho' this Province now hath thirty Thousand pounds Capital Stock of the Bank of England a very Sufficient Fund to issue Bills of Credit on to pay those Claims and give a circulating medium to the Commerce languishing for want thereof; to remedy those Evils and promote as far as in them lies the Ease and Welfare of the Province this House having agreed to carry the said Dispute between the Lord Proprietary and the People before His Majesty in Council without any Publick Money to pay an Agent whether his Lordship should pay the Clerk of the Council his Claim and other necessary expences of Government out of those Publick Revenues or whether the