

Publick ought not to be burthened with the paying of the Privy U. H. J. Councillors Attendance not for that we Doubt in the Least yo^r Hon^{rs} having the Common weale of this Province as much at Heart when Acting as Privy Councillors as when in Conjunction with our House in making of wholsome Laws for the Good Government of this Province; But for that we find by an Act of Assembly made in the year 1670/1 Two Shillings p hhd was rais'd to the R^t Honble Cecilius then Lord Proprietary of this Province During his Life, to enable him in some measure to defray the many great and Necessary Expences of Government; and in particular to allow Convenient Salaries and Encouragement to the Lieut General and Chief Governour and to the Privy Council of the Lord and Proprietary for the then Time being so as that, without prejudice to their Private Affairs they might be Encouraged to Attend unto the Administration of Justice and other publick concernments, as also tow^{ds} the maintaining a Constant Magazine wth Arms and Ammunition for the Defence of the Province and the other Shilling was raised in Consideration of his Ldp taking the Quit Rents, and Fines for Alienations in Tobacco, at two pence p Pound: and also for that one other Act in the year 1674 and another in the year 1678 Raises the same Duty for the same uses. We also find by the Act made 1717 that one Shilling p hhd was raised tow^{ds} the maintaining the Station and Dignity of his Ldps Lieut Governor actually inhabiting and residing within the Province, and to such other necessary uses towards the Support and Defence of the s^d Lord Prop^{rys} Governm^t of this Province as in his Ldps wisdom to him should seem meet upon which we are humbly of Opinion that as the Privy Council are part of the Government p. 84 Chosen by his Lordship to support the Prerogative so we presume that part of that Twelve Pence p hhd is raised to Defray the Charges of the Council out of Assembly Time. We further Observe to your Honours that by the Act of Assembly that Ascertaines the Expences of the Councillors Delegates &c All such Councillors are to be Allowed the sum of one hundred and fifty pounds of Tobacco p Day during the Time they shall attend such Assemblies, and no more besides their Itinerant Charges to be paid out of the Publick Levy. So that should we Assess that on the People whom we Represent, which, in our Opinion they ought not to be Burthened with, and we are not warranted to do; we should be esteemed but bad Husbonds of their Money, and Little deserving the Trust Reposed in us. For which reasons we cannot Recede from our former Resolve on that Occasion

Signed p Order. M. Jenifer Cl. Lo. Ho.