

U. H. J. one Shilling p hhd was raised for maintaining his Ldp's Lieut Governor for the Time being, and for such other necessary uses tow^{ds} the Support of Governm^t as to his Ldp should seem meet; from whence you infer that the one Shilling levyed Anno 1717 ought to be Applied to the same uses as that in Anno 1670/1 and Conclude that his Ldp is obliged to maintain his Council out of the aforesaid one Shill p hhd.

We cannot but think you very much mistaken in your arg^t & Conseqtly in your Conclusion for to have Re-
 p. 109 course to a Law made forty or fifty years ago to Explain a Law lately made without having Regard to several Laws intervening relating to the same Duty but under different Applications must certainly be an erroneous way of Proceeding. We therefore take the Liberty in the best manner we can to state the Case as we Conceive it to be as follows viz.

The Law made in the Year 1670/1 first Raised the one shilling p hhd payable to the Lord Proprietary for the support of Government and for the Payment of Salaries to the Council and for maintaining a Magazine in this Province w^{ch} Law stood Continued from Time to Time till the year 1692 when the Governm^t was under the Administration of the Crown; and then the Law was made for raising 14 pence p Tunn on all Ships or Vessels tradeing within this Province, out of which a standing Salary of 30 Pounds p Annum was to be allowed to all such Councillors as did not hold any places of Profit in the Government, and likewise another Law for raising the one Shilling p hhd aforesaid and Applying it to other uses in the Government for it could not be supposed that any part of it was intended for the Support of the Council when they were provided for by another Law But upon the making of the Law for the applying the 14 pence p Tonn towards the Support of the Council and for defraying other Charges in Government My Lord Proprietary who knew he had a Right to the 14 pence p Tonn by his Prerogative
 p. 110 (as we are informed) applied himself to the King and Council in England and procured an Order to have the 14 pence p Tonn Restored to him again and has ever since received it to his own proper use, by which means the Council became destitute of any Allowance the one Shilling p hhd being before Applied another way as has been before Observed. Upon this the Legislature took their Case into consideration and made them an Allowance in the Publick Levy, which has been annually Done ever since for above thirty years past and the one Shill p hhd was annually applied to other uses in the Government According to the Directions of the Law made in 1692 aforesaid, and other Laws to the same purpose untill the Year 1715 after the Government was Again restor'd to the Lord Pro-