

we have so great a Regard to Justice that we should never U. H. J. have Insisted on them, neither have we ever yet Refused Consenting to your Allowances as you seem to intimate in yo^r Message, But only proposed, that if you would Consent to forbear your Allowances we would do the same by ours, and so put an End for the present to the Contest about them and we wish we may not have more reason to Declare against your House for making an Ill Use of your Power, then you have Against Ours. To Conclude we take the Liberty Once more to Recomend to your Consideration the Act of Assembly made in 1692 for laying an Imposition upon Liquors w^{ch} particularly provides for the Support of the Council; which Act has been p. 129 Reenacted and Continued from that Time to this and thereby Our Claim in money Supported in Law, and to inform yo^r House how that Allowance Came to be Changed into Tobacco, we desire you will Look into the Journal of your House in May 1697 herewith sent, where you will find a Positive Resolve made by the Lower House of Assembly in the following words (Viz.) It being referred from the Last to this present Session of Assembly, whether an Annual Salary of 30 P^{ds} Sterl p Annum shall be settled upon his Majesty's Honble Council instead of the 150 P^{ds} Tobacco p Diem Resolved by the House that such their Allowance in Tob is already well Settled; w^{ch} Allowance has been Ever since accordingly paid and this we take to be a Custom Grounded upon Justice and good Reason, or else that Assembly, and all the Succeeding Assemblies, nay even this present Assembly, till this Session, have acted very unreasonably, w^{ch} we believe you will not Assert. And now, we hope (as you say in your Message) that we are come to the Close of the Arguments about our Allowances, and that you will no Longer Deny us, what by Law, The Resolves of former Assemblies, and as much Justice as that of the Labourers being worthy of his Hire, becomes our Due.

Signed p Order Sam^l Skippon Cl Up Ho.

Sent with the Journal of the Lower House for the Year 1697 by Col^o Holland Col^o Young and Col^o Addison.

A Message from the Lower House by M^r Crab and five p. 130 others viz.

By the Lower House of Assembly 8^{br} the 22^d 1723
May it please Your Hon^{rs}

We are sorry your Hon^{rs} have Come to no better Conclusion on Considering our last Message of the 21st Instant about the Allowances We hoped such Consideration might