

Just discharge of the Trust reposed in us intitles us to much more useful Services, which it seems upon some Occasions, Your House it self was not insensible of, seeing it is very Justly affirmed in the same Message that you do not in the least Doubt of our having the commonweale of this Province as much at heart, when we Act as a Privy Council (or Council of State) as when we Act in Conjunction with your House & therefore seeing that our office is of so much importance to the publick Good of this province, we may very reasonably expect a Reward for our Services upon all such Important Occasions. U. H. J. p. 142

We must further Observe to you that whatever Esteem or Value his Ldp shall please to put upon our Services, in Relation to our Continuance in the Office of Councillors, we must entirely submit that to his Ldps Good will and Pleasure. However we are not willing to give up the Reward of our Attendance, so long as we have already Acted in that Station, being very well Assured that if the Value of the Reward were Always to be measured by the worth of the Service, the Members of our House would have as good a Plea for themselves as many other people of the world, that are paid for their Services to the Country.

For if the Labourer according to the Divine Predication, be worthy of his Hire we think ourselves Justly intituled to the Allowances which we Claim, nor is it any way Satisfactory to us that your House at this Time hath made it a Question whether any thing be due to us or noe And if that there be you very generously Thrust us upon his Ldps Grace, and leave us there to be paid, According to the Value himself shall put upon our Services. This Gent we must tell you, is not very Agreeable to those hard Struggles w<sup>ch</sup> our Constitution hath formerly had for Liberty and Property, But waving that we think our Services deserve a more Certain Reward than to depend upon the Absolute will of our Superior, not that this House has any Cause to Suspect his Ldp's Generosity, w<sup>ch</sup> is particularly Eminent upon Sundry great Occasions; yet Gent: we are loth to set an Ill President to future Ages, by making a Complement of our Right, w<sup>ch</sup> is not only founded in the Common Law, and Consequently Common Right of our Country, but hath been declared so by the Legislature of this Province fifty two Years Ago, in an Act intituled an Act for raising and providing a Support for the Lord Proprietary in these words Viz. That as Governm<sup>t</sup> is necessary for the Conservation of all Societies the Charge of every Governm<sup>t</sup> without which it cannot possibly Subsist, ought to be born by those whose Conservation depends upon the Governm<sup>t</sup> for and towards the defraying the many Great and necessary p. 143