

U. H. J. Expences of Government Among which Exigences and necessary Expences of Government the Sallaries of his Ldp's Privy Council are enumerated. But after the Revolution and that his Majesty King William the third had taken the Governm^t of this Province into his own Possession Lionel Copley Esq^r was Appointed Governor thereof. That Gentleman conven'd a General Assembly at Saint Mary's upon the 10th day of May 1692 at which Session among other things an Imposition of 4^d p Gallon was laid upon Liquors Imported and part of the Impost arising therein applied to the Support of the Council of State.

p. 144 Thus Gentlemen we find the case stand upon the Journals of those Times & that the Councelors were p^d their Allowances out of that Impost Duty of 4^d p Gallon, 9^d of the Impost of 12^d p hhd being p^d to the Govern^r and the Remaining 3^d Appropriated for Arms &c^a for the Country's use; so that the Councellors had no place of Resort but in the Country, who made provision for them by the Act Af^d. But that Act as we find it, also was repealed, within two years Time & one other Act made at a Session held at S^t Mary's Sept^r the 21st 1694 where-by the same Impost of 4^d p Gallon upon Liquors, was still Continued to the Uses in the same expressed (viz) for the Building and repairing Court Houses Free Schools and such publick Services.

And Altho' those words, such publick Services may Admit of various Constructions, yet the sense of the Legislature of that Time, is altogether in our favour they made the Act thus and they were the best Acquainted with the Intention of it, and as if the Councelors Salaries had been expressly mentioned among those other Publick Services, they paid them off duely out of the Revenue arising from that Act; untill the Time that 150 P^{ds} of Tobacco was Assigned them in Lieu of their Sallarys at 30 £ Sterl p Annum, as appears more fully by a loose sheet of the Journal of the Lower House Page 45, whereon it appears that the Councelors were p^d their Sallaries pursuant to that Act the Latter End of the Year 1694 The like paym^{ts} Appear upon the Journal of 1695 and more particularly Expressed to be paid according to Act of Assembly in 1696.

p. 145 We must tell you likewise, that we think Ourselves very much wrong'd in the charge of Insinuating Things that might lead you into wrong notions of the Acts; for there being no other Fund for the Payment of the Councelors Salaries than the Impost Act of 4^d p Gallon laid in 1692 the Legislature took care upon the Repeal of the Act, to include those Salaries in the Impost Act of 1694, as it is very Evidently made out to you already by the sundry payments Annually made to them