

The second and third of these your and our Journals which U. H. J. you so Often Appeal to, be the Evidence, and let an Impartial Reader Judge. We are Resolved not to be lead from our Country's Busieness by any thing you shall offer to divert us nor take further notice of the manner wherein you are pleased to dress your Reasonings in your last Essay, save that we think your former Messages Express yo^r Intent with Elegance and Conciseness and this late One with less of those and much more prolixity and Circumlocution.

We therefore Again (in your method) repeat our Conclusion that the Acts you insist on to support y^r Claim are and long since all Repealed

That the Custom you Insist on has no foundation for the Reasons we have already shown in our former Messages and because The Journals you last quote in your favor were in 1696 & 97 when the Acts in being that settled the Revenue for the Support of Governm^t One whereof in the Russet Cover'd p. 149 Book of Laws Folio 117 is Intituled an Act for Settlem^t of An Annual Revenue upon their Majestys Governor of this Province for the Time being Anno 1692 Another Act of the same purport and Title Anno 1699 in the Large Vellam Law Book fo: 30. By these Acts there was no Room left for the Council but the whole Applied to the Govern^{rs} Support. This made it Reasonable to Allow them Wages out of the Publick, there being no other provision for them. But by the Act for settling the Revenue now in force, there is Room Left and plain Provision made for them. If his Ldp pleases to Apply it, so; if not, we can lay no restraint on him, and yo^r Hon^{rs} may more properly apply to him on this Occasion than we.

We therefore again tell your Hon^{rs} we are convinced in our Consciences, you have neither Law nor Reasonable Custom to support your Claims, and that we will not Act Contrary to this Conviction on any Consideration whatever let the Consequence be what it will.

Signed 7^p Order M. Jenifer Cl. Lo: Ho:

Which Message being Read the following Answer was prepared thereto

By the Upper House of Assembly Oct^r the 25th 1723
Gentlemen.

As it was not the Design of this House to prolong the Session by giving you occasion of Comments or by Enlarging our last Message further then was necessary for our own Justification, we shall now purposely avoid anything that may give p. 150 a Handle to Disputes that are foreign to the present Debate