

U. H. J. Between the two Houses and do Assure you likewise that we are so far from designing to divert you from the Country's Busieness, that we shall very readily Embrace every Opportunity which you shall lay before us of Acting for a Publick Good in Compensation of the very Great Expences, w^{ch} the Country is now put to by yo^r refusing to make those Allowances w^{ch} in your own Message of this Day by M^r Tyler and five more you have Acknowledged to be both reasonable and Customary, and Consequently very Just now seeing that no Intervening Incident hath Obstructed the Course of Justice; which hath still the same free Passage as it had before the Acts of 1692 & 1699 were determined and that we are now upon the same good foundation which the former Council stood upon, when their wages, as you Call it, were paid and Allowed by the Country to be both Reasonable and Customary.

We are not willing, Gentl; to interrupt the Course of the Debate, otherwise we might tell you, that such a Resolve as your Message seems to be Grounded upon, Draws a very heavy Charge ag^t the prudence & Circumspection of the Lower House of Assembly which for so many years as since the Expiring of the Act of 1699 have Expended vast sums of the Country's money without having as much as a reasonable Custom to Support it. But waving that,

p. 151 You say that because the Acts of 1692 & 1699 had applied the whole Revenue to the Support of the Governours of Those Times, it was thought Reasonable to make the proper Allowances to the Council out of the Publick and the Reason which you Assign for it is this, that there was no other Provision made for them The Conclusion is so very Just and clear that it leaves no Room for objection; we must therefore acquiesce with you; and now mo^re than ever hope the Premises being the same, and the same Reason still Subsisting viz. no other Provision made for the Council, that we shall have the same Justice done to us now, as was heretofore Practised in former Assemblies, by paying us out of the Publick.

This being the true State of the Case, we beg of you Gentlemen, to Consider the great Charge you are now running the Country to by expending their Money in Multiplying Unnecessary and ill Grounded Debates about the Councils Claims w^{ch} you yourselves acknowledge, even in the like Case, to have been reasonable Allowances, tho made but a few Years ago.

For as to the Act mentioned in your Message for Settling the Revenue and now in force, it doth not leave any Room nor is there any provision made therein for the Council's Allowances Unless his Ldp be graciously pleased to Apply