

Honours as a Council of State we are of Oppinion that the publick ought not to be burthened with paying for the privy Councillors Attendance out of Assembly time not for that wee Doubt your Honours haveing at heart the Common Weal of this province as much when Acting as privy Councillors as when in Conjunction with our House in makeing of wholesome Laws for the good Government of this Province but for that we find by An Act made in the year 1670/1 Two Shillings p<sup>r</sup> hh<sup>d</sup> was raised to the Right Hon<sup>ble</sup> Cecilius then Lord and Proprietary thereof dureing his Life to Enable him in some Measure to defray the many great and necessary Expences of Government and in particular to Allow Convenient Sallaries and Encouragements to the Lieutenant Gen and Chief Governour And to the privy Council of the Lord and proprietary of the province for the then time being so as without prejudice to their private Affairs they might be Encouraged to Attend unto the Administration of Justice and other publick Concernm<sup>ts</sup> as also towards the maintaining a Constant Magazine with Arms and Amunition for the Defence of the province And the other twelve pence p<sup>r</sup> hh<sup>d</sup> was raised in Consideration of his Lordships takeing his Quit Rents and fines for Alienations in Tobacco at two pence p<sup>r</sup> pound & also for that one Other Act in the year 1674 and another in the year 1678 Raises the Same Duty for the same uses We also find by the Act made in the year 1717 that one shilling p<sup>r</sup> hh<sup>d</sup> was raised towards the maintaining the Station and Dignity of his Lordship's Lieutenant Governour Actually Inhabiting and resideing within this province And to such other necessary uses towards the Support and Defence of the said Lord proprietary's Government of this province as in his Lordships Wisdom to him should seem meet upon which we are humbly of opinion that as the privy Council are a part of the Government Chosen by his Lordship to Support the prerogative so we presume that part of that twelve pence p<sup>r</sup> hh<sup>d</sup> is raised to defray the Charges of the Council out of Assembly time. Wee further Observe to Your Honours That by the Act of Assembly that Ascertaines the Expences of the Councillors Delegates &c. all such are to be Allowed the Sum of One hundred and fifty pounds of Tobacco p<sup>r</sup> day dureing the time they shall attend such Assemblies and no more besides their Itinerant Charges to be paid out of the publick Levy So that should we Assess that on the people whom we represent which in our Opinion they Ought not to be burthened with and we are not warranted to do we should be Esteemed but bad husbands of their money and little deserv-