

sisted on them neither have we ever yet refused Consenting L. H. J.  
to your Allowances as you seem to Intimate in your Message  
but only propose that if you would Consent to forbear your  
Allowances, we would do the same by Ours, and so put an End  
for the present to the Contest About them: and we Wish we  
may not have more reason to Declare Against your House  
for Making an Ill use of your power than you have Against p. 98  
Ours. To Conclude, we take the Liberty once more to recom-  
mend to your Consideration, the Act of Assembly made in  
1692 for Laying an Imposition on Liquors, which particularly  
provides for the Support of the Council which Act has been  
reenacted and Continued from that time to this and thereby  
our Claim in Money is Supported in Law and to Inform your  
House how that Allowance Came to be changed into Tobacco  
we desire you'll look into the Journalls of your House in May  
1697 herewith Sent where you will find a possitive resolve  
made by the Lower House of Assembly in the following  
Words viz:

“ It being referred from the Last to this present Session  
“ of Assembly whether an Annuall Sallary of Thirty pound  
“ Sterling p Annum shall be Settled on his Majestys Honour-  
“ able Councillors Instead of the One hundred and fifty  
“ pounds of Tobacco p Diem.

“ Resolved by the House that such their Allowance in To-  
“ bacco is well Settled.

Which Allowance has been ever Since Accordingly paid,  
and this we take to be a Custom grounded upon Justice and  
good reason, or else that Assembly and all the Succeeding  
Assemblys, nay even this present Assembly, till this Sessions  
have Acted very Unreasonably which we believe you will  
not Assert and now we hope (as you say in your Message) that  
we are Come to the Close of the Argument about our Allow-  
ances, and that you will no Longer deny us, what by Law, the  
Resolves of former Assemblys, and as much Justice as that  
of the Labourers being worthy of his hire, becomes our Due.

Signd p Order Sam<sup>l</sup> Skippon Cl Up ho.

In answer whereto the following Message is prepared Viz:

By the Lower House of Assembly

Octob<sup>r</sup> the 22<sup>d</sup> 1723.

May it please Your Honours

We are Sorry your Honours have come to no better Con-  
clusion on Considering our Last Message of the 21<sup>st</sup> Instant  
About the Allowances, we hoped such Consideration might  
have Induced your Honours to think with good reason that thô