

it Appears that the Councillors were paid the Sallaries pursuant to the Act the Latter End of the year 1694 The Like payments Appear upon the Journall of 1695 and more particularly Express to be paid According to Act of Assembly in 1696. L. H. J.
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We must tell you Likewise, that we think ourselves very much wronged 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 Councillors Sallaries than the Impost Act of four pence p Gallon Laid in 1692 the Legislature took Care upon the repeale of the Act to Conclude those Salleries in the Impost Act of 1694 as it is very Evidently made to you already by the Sundry payments Annually made to them out of the Impost Duty but we wish for the sake of that good Correspondence which is necessary to be preserved Between the two Houses, that you had not given us Just grounds of bringing the same Charge against your House, when you would Insinuate to us because in Assembly time we are Allowed one hundred and fifty pounds of Tobacco p Diem and no more that therefore we are precluded from our Claims on Account of Other Services We are very Confident that many of the members of your House would not be well pleased to be tyed down by such a Construction, which is indeed too puerile and Ludicrous to take up any more of our time We therefore wave it, as we have Done other things, to Lett you see our good Dispositions to make an Amiable Conclusion of this Sessions.

Gentlemen, we take these payments made by the Assembly to be so many incontestable proofs of the Design of that Act, in the words such publick Services, which we Can, with a great Deal of Justice, say is no forced Construction, it being made Sacred as to your House, by the Sanction of a Resolve; wherein it Appears that the Country did not Only pay the Councillours Allowances at the Day (Viz) October the 2^d 1696, But Resolved that such payments were made According to Act of Assembly. We must further Observe to you, Gent, that it was a very hard Task laid upon our House to trace the first growth and progress of the Councils Allowances; which being made by the Country for more than thirty years past, Upon Consideration, that the twelve pence p hh^d out of which the Councillors were paid in the Lord Proprietarys time, hath been Intirely Applied to such Other uses as Leaves no room for the payment of the Council Otherways than by the Country, which they were perfectly apprized of, and therefore paid their Allowance by the Impost upon Liquors untill the year 1697 that it was resolved by the Lower House that such