

mer times Viz. that there is no provision for the Council in L. H. J. the Act; and Certainly the same reason will hold good, as prevailed in former times viz. that the Council should have a reasonable Allowance out of the publick.

The presidents of former Assemblys in the Like Cases, being wholly on our side ever since the time of the Revolution we cannot help Expressing our Surprize that the Lower House should Impose so ungratefull a Task upon us, as to Apply to his Lordship for the Support of the publick Charge out of his own Revenue or Otherwise to subject our Just Rights for services done the Country to the mere will and pleasure of the Lord Proprietary, who as you Confess is under no manner of Restraint to pay his Council, and as there is <sup>p. 112</sup> no other provision made for the Council, this House must still Insist upon haveing the reasonable and Customary Allowances, and thereby put an End to this Long and Expensive Session.

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. Oct<sup>r</sup> 26<sup>th</sup> 1723.

May it please Your Honours

In Answer to your Message this day by Col<sup>l</sup> Holland and two Other of your Members we are at a Loss to know by what part of our Message of the twenty fifth Instant, we have Acknowledged your Allowances to have been both reasonable and Customary so as to give your Honours the least Colour for the Consequence you are pleas'd to draw from that message viz. that those allowances are now Just. [Certain] we are that there is nothing Contained in that message or our Intentions to warrant such an Inference. We have indeed Agreed that such Allowances have been made by Vertue of Laws formerly in force, but that that should Continue after the Repeale of those Laws is [a notion] too ridiculous to prevaile with us or any people in their Senses.

We must with regret confess that some late Assemblys have Agreed to the Allowances your Honours now Claim, altho no better founded than at present, We Apprehend, for want of duely Considering the Alteration the repeal of the former Laws and makeing the present provision by the Act now in force for Settling the Revenue made in the Case which unhappy as well as Illegall Concessions, are (thô but poor ones) the foundations of the present unsupportable publick expence and intollerable Fatigue to our Selves, which we hope, will be