

L. H. J.
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An ingrossed Bill intituled, An Act to cut off the Entail of Part of a Tract of Land called Charley, now lying in Charles and Prince George's Counties, and to Entail Lands of equal Value in Lieu thereof; an ingrossed Bill intituled, An Act to repeal an Act intituled, An Act for the Confirmation of Lands therein mentioned to Richard Bennett, Esq; and, an ingrossed Bill intituled, An Act for the Vesting and Settling an Estate of Inheritance in Fee-Simple, of and in a certain Parcel or Lot of Ground, in the City of Annapolis, containing 120 Feet, &c. on Horatio Samuel Middleton, and his Heirs for ever; were severally read, and assented to, and sent to the Upper House, with the Paper Bills thereof, by Mr. Bond, and Capt. Lee.

The following Message, viz.

May it please your Honours,

In Answer to your Message of the 14th, by Samuel Chamberlaine, Esq; we do agree to allow the late Governor, for the Seal to five special Commissions of Oyer and Terminer and Goal Delivery to Cæcil County, and have accordingly inserted it, but cannot consent to allow for the Seals to fifteen Proclamations, relating to his Lordship's Assent to the Inspection Law; the Publication of his Lordship's Assent to our Laws was never yet thought needful for the Validity of them, and we hope never will, therefore we think it highly unreasonable to burthen the People for a Service so apparently unnecessary: The Attendance of the Council of State, and the Salary of their Clerk, we cannot think it reasonable to make any Allowance for: The Service of that honourable Board is either relative to his Lordship's private Affairs, or to Matters of Government; in the first Case, 'tis plain the People ought not to be burthened, and that they ought not in the latter will appear equally clear, when it is considered, that by many Acts of Assembly of this Province, Fines and Forfeitures are given to his Lordship the Lord Proprietary, for Support of Government, and that the Sum of 12 Pence per Hogshead on all Tobacco exported out of this Province, is collected and paid to his Lordship, under an Act expressly giving it for Support of Government; and although we are of Opinion that Act is not now in Force, yet we think it beyond doubt, that when any Duty is collected it ought to be applied to the Purposes for which it was given: For these Reasons, and Others which might be used, we cannot agree to burthen the People with these Allowances; and, we cannot but express our Hopes, that the same good Disposition which your Honours have shewn throughout this Session will prevail with you to weigh and consider this Matter with Attention, and that you will look on the Service of that honourable Board in the same Light that we do, and that to prevent the great Inconveniencies arising from an Increase of the Public Debt, and that the