

allowed of heretofore, yet you cannot but know the Governor could not have been otherwise Supply'd with a house at the time he arrived Amongst us the Account sent to your Committee was Stated from a demand M:^r Brice made of that sum for Rent, We hope you'l Joyn with us, and think the Present house Rent may be well worth one hundred pounds p Annum and make the allowance Accordingly

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We could not have imagined the payment of Twenty three Pistoles to the Governor for Transcribing the Laws would have met with the least hesitation since they were done by directions of his Majesty and for which Service so large a Sum many years ago was paid to a former Governor when the Laws were not above half in Number what they now are, but as you seem inclined to Postpone it only for the present we shall do the same, in full Confidence that you will allow it at a future Sessions.

As to the Charge of 1350 pounds of Tobacco to the late Governor for the Seals of 15 Proclamations relating to his Lordships Assent to the Inspecting Law we believe it was not intended to give the Law any Additional force, but thought necessary to quiet the minds of people who had been made to believe that the Law was or would be dissented to and as this may probably never happen again we hope you will agree to allow it.

As to the allowance for the Members of the Council for their attendance as a Council of State 'tho you are pleased to recite it as an Act directing the manner of Ellecting delegates &c:^a That Act can only be understood to direct what allowance shall be made to the Members of the Two houses for Attending in Assembly time we might refer you to other Acts and your own Journals for the Councilors allowance which we think both reasonable and Just, but as this Sessions hath been Continued much longer than any heretofore we are willing for the ease of the good people of this Province to wave our allowance at this time that the Journal may pass and to reserve that allowance to a future Sessions. As this Session is drawing near to a Conclusion we have not time to enumerate the many Services done by the Clerk of the Council some of which Cannot be unknown to you, former Assemblys have Judged it to be an usefull office and always allowed the Clerk an Annual Sallary in all the Journals heretofore Passed the Two houses to the year 1747 and never was denied him 'till now therefore to Speak plainly which best becomes our Station we must Insist on your making him the Usual allowance for we are determined never to give it up.

We are much mistaken if the Militia the Governor Ordered out to the Assistance of our Back Inhabitants did not lay the Journal of their proceedings before your house in hopes you would have looked over it and made them such allowances for the time they were absent in the service of the Province as might be reasonable