

Post-Meridiem.

L. H. J.
Liber No. 48
May 4

The House met according to Adjournment, &c.

M.^r John Goldsborough appeared in the House.

Samuel Chamberlaine, Esq; from the Upper House, delivers to M.^r Speaker the Journal of Accounts, and the following Message, viz.

By the Upper House of Assembly, May 4, 1756. p. 263

Gentlemen,

In Answer to your Message, with the Journal of Accounts, we are as far from endeavouring to lay the People under any unnecessary Burthen as you can be; we do not deny, but the present Rent of the Governor's House may be something more than what may have been allowed of heretofore, yet, you cannot but know, the Governor could not have been otherwise supplied 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'll join with us, and think the present House-Rent may be well worth One Hundred Pounds per Annum, and make the Allowance accordingly.

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 Session.

As to the Charge of 1350 lbs. of Tobacco to the late Governor, for the Seals to fifteen Proclamations, relating to his Lordship's 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 the 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, though you are pleased to recite to us, An Act directing the Manner of electing Delegates, &c. 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 Counsellors Allowance, which, we think, both reasonable and just; but, as this Session hath been continued much longer than 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 Session.