

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

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 Assemblies have judged it to be an useful Office, and always allowed the Clerk an annual Salary in all the Journals heretofore passed the Two Houses, to the Year 1747, and never was denied him until 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.

We readily agree, that the Public Debt, of Nine Years standing, is indeed very great, and must be still more burthensome to the People, if suffered to be annually increasing; but we think it cannot justly be imputed to us. And we are so far from being satisfied, that no Demand against the Public, which has either a lawful or reasonable Foundation, is omitted to be made in the Journal of Accounts sent up to us, that, on the contrary, we must, in Justice to ourselves, tell you, that we think, had you been willing to allow the Creditors of the Public what was due to them, and the Servants thereof such Wages, as by the plainest Rules of common Right and Justice, you ought to have done, the Public Credit would not have fallen into that Contemptible State, in which you say it is, nor the Journal lain so long without being Passed, which we now send down, in Hopes you will make the Amendments proposed.

Signed per Order, J. Ross, Cl. Up. Ho.

p. 264 Benedict Calvert, Esq; from the Upper House, delivers to M.^r Speaker the Bill entituled, An Act for issuing Writs of Replevin out of the County Courts of this Province, indorsed, By the Upper House of Assembly, May 4, 1756. Read the second Time, and will not pass.

Signed per Order, J. Ross, Cl. Up. Ho.

The following Message, viz.^t

By the Lower House of Assembly, 4th May, 1756.

May it please your Honours,

In Answer to your Message of this Day, as you say you are ready to Confer with us on the Terms of your Message of Yesterday, and no other, and as we must still confess we do not clearly understand that Message, but are apprehensive you expect we will Confer on the whole Subject-Matter of the last Bill, sent down to us with your Negative, which we cannot by any Means consent to; yet, in