

U. H. J. Gentlemen  
 Liber No. 35  
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In Answer to your Message of this Day by Mess.<sup>rs</sup> Tilghman and Carroll, this House hath appointed Col: Lloyd and Col: Tasker to join the Members named by your House to present the Address to the Governor together with the Petition to his Majesty the Representation to the Lords of Trade, and the Address to the Lord Proprietary

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The following Message with the Bill for reducing the Allowances of the Members of the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly, is sent to the Lower House by Benedict Calvert Esq.

By the Upper House of Assembly 15. of Dec. 1757.

Gentlemen

We have returned you the Bill for reducing the Allowances of the Members of the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly, and altho' a Reduction of the Allowances of the Provincial and County Magistrates does not appear to us to be necessary, yet we have agreed to it that a Bill which may be made in other Respects so conducive to the Ease of the People, and the Dispatch of public Business may not be lost. The Alterations we now offer to your Amendments are so plainly calculated to advance the End professed to be intended by this Bill, to correct the glaring Partialities which some of your Propositions would introduce, and make the respective Parts of it consistent, that we can no more doubt of your ready Concurrence with them; than we can suppose that your Amendments were proposed with a View of obliquely defeating a Law too apparently beneficial to your Constituents to admit of an absolute and direct Rejection

In the first enacting Clause you have offered by your Amendments we propose that the Reduction may take Place from the Beginning of the present Session, and continue for six Years, and therefore instead of the Words from and after the End of this Session for and during the Term of four Years, insert the following Words /viz: / during this Session of Assembly and for and during the Term of six Years thereafter

To the Preamble introducing the next Clause add after the Word Province the following Words, and by the Dispatch of public Business, and in the enacting Part of this Clause instead of the Word four, insert six, and in the same Manner alter the other Parts of the Bill so that the Word six may stand in the Place of the Word four.

The next Alteration we offer is to your Amendment whereby 'tis directed that the Members of both Houses, and the Magistrates of the Provincial Court be paid annually. this Amendment we propose may be entirely left out or made more extensive; that other Claimants upon the Public may not have Reason to complain that