

we are regardless of the Justice due to them whilst we take an especial Care to secure to ourselves a speedy and punctual Payment of our Allowances, but if you do not choose to wave this Amendment, we propose that it may be extended so as to include the Officers attending both Houses, and all public Creditors who are usually paid in the Public Levy, and that a Committee composed of an equal Number of the Members of both Houses agreeable to the last Levy Bill, and the usual Practice in such Cases may be appointed to make the annual Assessment, in the Preamble therefore to the Clause directing the annual Assessment after the Word Court insert the following Words, and the Officers attending both Houses of Assembly, and all other public Creditors, and in the enacting Part of the said Clause strike out the Words, and the said Committee together with so many Members of the Upper House not exceeding two as the said House shall think fit to appoint, and in their Place insert the following Words, and six Members of the upper House, and six Members of the Lower House to be appointed by the said respective Houses, and after the Words, Commissioners aforesaid, insert the following Words, and also such Sums of Money and Tobacco as shall be due to the Officers attending both Houses of Assembly, and all other public Creditors usually provided for in Levy Bills

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You have taken Care by a Proviso proposed by you as an Amendment to our Bill, that your Allowances shall be paid in your respective Counties, But why Gentlemen? upon what Principle of Equity? is your Convenience only to be consulted, and that of every other Person whose Claim upon the Public is as justly and legally founded as yours, injuriously neglected? Here you seem to be too solicitous about your own Interest to remember the common Justice due to others; that this Provision may be equal to all whose Claims upon the Public rest on the same Foundation, insert the Words, to the said Councillors, after the Word, Allowances, and after the Word Delegates insert the Words, and the Dues of all Provincial Magistrates, Officers attending both Houses, and other Creditors aforesaid, and after the Word, paid, leave out the Words to each Delegate, and insert the Words, in equal Proportions in the respective Counties wherein they shall reside, and leave out the Words in the last Line of the said Proviso, that the Delegates for such County, and instead thereof insert the Words that the said Persons.

The last Alteration we shall trouble you with is to the Proviso by which 'tis directed that "all such Councillors who shall serve in the general Assembly, and also such Provincial Magistrates who are, or shall be Inhabitants, and Residents of the City of Annapolis, or whose Habitations are so near the said City that they shall usually in assembly or Provincial Court-Time lodge at Home, shall be allowed only one Half the Sum that others are