

L. H. J.
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Your Honours no doubt well know, that the Monies received by the Proprietary from the People of this Province for the Support of Government (whether justly or not, alters not the Case, are much more than Sufficient after all other expences to which they Ought to be applyed are defrayed, to make the Clerk of the Privy Council, a full Compensation for his Services; and we cannot imagine but that his Lordship will be generous enough to do it, as his Sallary Stands upon the Same Foundation with your Honours allowance as a Privy Council, the Claim of which you have thought proper lately not to Contend about Publick Credit is reduced to so low an Ebb, that we think the World must look upon it as the highest Injustice in your Honours, further to postpone the payment of the Publick Debt, because we will not tax the People for the payment of a Sallary to the Clerk of the Privy Council, who, we do unanimously Contend, ought, together with your Honours, as Privy Councillors, to be Satisfied out of the monies Collected by the Proprietary from the People for the Support of the Government of this Province (of which we hope the time will Come, when an account will be had) as your Services and his, of which his Lordship alone from the Secrecy of their nature, can be a Competent Judge, cannot by any Other be rewarded according to their Merit.

If M^r Ross will lay before us a Particular Account of his Charge for Services performed by Virtue of the Laws of this Province, and for which he ought in reason to be paid, by a Tax on the People of this Province, we will readily insert in the Journal what may appear to us reasonable.

The Adjustment of Publick Claims, we look upon to be the peculiar privilege of this House, and to have been always exercis'd as such, and we must Suppose the Vouchers for Support of Such Claims of Course ought to remain with us

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If your Honours intend, which we think fairly deducible from two of your Messages of the 23.^d Instant, by any person acquainted with the Affairs of this Province, that the payment of all Public Creditors shall be made, when made at all, by poll tax on the People, notwithstanding the Publick Treasury in which there may be a great deal of money much wanted in Circulation, may be well able, if the Money therein were applied to discharge the Public Debt, and we have many precedents of such applications we Shall always think it our Duty to Oppose so grievous unequal & unnecessary a Tax, and so far from fearing any Imputation by the Impartial, we are Satisfied our Conduct will be approved by the Public Creditors themselves, and applauded by the good people of this Province.

Signed p Order. M. Macnemara Cl. Lo. Ho