

U. H. J. Candour & Impartiality you profess, and not very consistent with  
 Liber No. 36 that Respect you allow them to have been entitled to.  
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You have been so far from supporting your Deductions, that they have been clearly evinced to be against Facts, except in the Instance wherein a Mistake is admitted by us, and if you were probably Right in some of them, the Question between us is not influenced thereby, since on the Account stated for the View already explained the Sum exceeds M<sup>r</sup> Ross's Claim for his Salary to the Amount of 12,343 $\frac{1}{4}$ <sup>lb</sup> of Tobacco, and therefore if any Charge equal to, or even beyond the Excess should be admitted to be improper, his Claim, which is only of his accustomed Salary, for all Services as well those that are as those that are not included in the Account would not be affected.

By restraining the general Expressions of the Message in 1756 sent hither with the Journal you would endeavour to shew your Conduct to be consistent with the ultimate Sense of that House but a short Examination will discover with how little Success. When the Upper House observed that M<sup>r</sup> Ross's Salary was omitted in the Journal they expressed themselves "That they were the more surprized at this Omission, as the Lower House could not but know there were several Laws in Force which require many services to be done by him as Clerk of the Council" And the Lower House catching at a particular Expression (a Practice too Common in this Kind of Controversy,) & evading the Reasoning in which the Expression stood, answered that "as the Upper House said there were several Laws in Force which required many Services to be done by the Clerk, when his Account for such Services should be laid before them, it should be examined & every reasonable Allowance made, but to make Allowances for Services Annually performed in Compliance with the Laws, without any Account, was a Method of dealing out the Peoples Money they could never come into." To this the Answer of the Upper House was very short and determinate, and the Question being put in the Lower House, whether M<sup>r</sup> Ross should be allowed as usual, it was decided affirmatively and a Message sent with the Journal to notify their Assent to M<sup>r</sup> Ross's Claim, and the general Resolve above recited. When the Upper House expressed their Surprize on Account of the Circumstance that "the Clerk was obliged by several Laws in Force to perform many Services" their obvious Meaning was, that the Framers of those Laws must have considered the Clerk of the Council as a Constitutional Officer, with the Appointment of a Salary, Otherwise they would not have been so unjust as to enjoin him to perform any particular Duties without giving him particular Rewards, and after the Lower House had caught at the Expression made use of by the Upper, and endeavoured to give it a Turn very different from the Real Meaning of it, but found the Upper House determined to