

Monday 9.th Dec.^r 1765

L. H. J.
Liber No. 52
Dec. 9

The House met

All the Members appeared as on Saturday except M^r Fielder Gantt Samuel Wilson Esq.^r M.^r J. Adams John Hammond Esq.^r and M.^r Tyler

Benedict Calvert Esq.^r from the Upper House delivers to M^r Speaker the following Message Viz

By the Upper House of Assembly Dec.^r 9.th 1765

Gentlemen

In Consequence of an Order of this House the late and present Clerk of the Council have exhibited Accounts of the Services done by them for the Public so far as they were reducible to Articles which might be charged in this Manner and a Committee appointed by us to examine and compare them with the Council Books having made their Report We now send you a Copy of that Report as well as of the Clerks Accounts by w.^{ch} we presume it will appear to your Satisfaction that the public Services done by the Clerk well deserve the Salary claimed by him and uniformly allowed to this Officer in every Journal to this Time

That the Governor by the Constitution of this province is assisted in the Administration of the Executive Powers of Government by the Advice of the Council is sufficiently known and the Expediency of appointing an Officer to give Notice to the Members of the Council when their Attendance is requisite to prepare the Mandates that Occasionally issue to the subordinate Ministers and to record and preserve Memorials of the Proceedings in this Department is so obvious that we apprehend it would be unnecessary to produce any direct Proofs to establish the Fact that there hath always been a Clerk attendant upon the Council or to offer any formal Arguments to evince that as the Council by our Constitution assist the Governor with their Advice in the Administration of the Powers vested in him as supreme Magistrate so their Clerk is a Constitutional Officer

According to this Idea he hath always been paid in the Journal of Accounts for his Services to the Community and hath been enjoined to perform various Duties by many Acts of Assembly without the Allotment of particular Rewards

The Repairs of the Council Chamber were necessary to shelter us from the Inclemency of the Weather and we must take the Liberty to inform you that whatever your Resolves may be we shall without any Scruple take Care to have a proper Place to meet in when we are called together to transact the public Business if the Council Chamber had not been repaired there would have been a Necessity for making a Contract for a Room in some private House as you have done and there would be the same Reason for applying the public Money (in which our Money is as well included as yours)