

L. H. J. of the Falsehood and Malice of it" And for this desirable End permit
 Liber No. 52 us to observe that altho' M^r Ross is already allowed in the present
 Dec. 16 Journal of Accounts upwards of 139,000^{lb} of T^obo in which is
 included his Yearly Salary as Clk of the Upper House a Falsity has
 been invented and propagated by malignant Shameless Men the only
 Misrepresentation that we have heard of and which hath gained
 Belief in the Credulous that M^r Ross has not any Allowance in the
 Journal for public Services done by him as Clk of the Upper House
 and that the present Dispute betⁿ the two Houses is Whe.^r he shall
 be allowed his accustomed Salary as Clk of the Up.^r Ho. or not; a
 Report founded not only in Falsehood but equally in Folly from
 the Facility with which it may be detected by those who are in the
 least inquisitive

We are apprehensive notwithstanding a Committee of your House
 went through a laborious Examination of the Account sent us and
 hath made the meritorious Discovery of Omissions that M^r Ross's
 Modesty would not suffer him to charge ag.^t the Public many Pa^rlars
 in that Account were not within View when your Message was
 formed which asserts "that the Services performed by the Clk of
 the Council for which he has a Claim upon the Public are in no
 Respect connected with the private Concerns of Lord Baltimore that
 they are of a general Nature relative to the whole Community that
 M^r Ross claims nothing but for Services done to the Public that M^r
 Ross hath exhibited an Account of Duties actually performed by him
 in his Office of Clk and that it appears by his Account that if the
 same Rule is admitted in charging the Public which is established by
 the Inspection Law in Matters of private Concern the Expence of
 the actual Services done by him for the public would considerably
 exceed the Amount of the Salary" Can these be asserted or admitted
 as incontrovertible Facts with any Degree of Candour? On the
 contrary the Account itself which you have been pleased to send us
 Amounting with the discovered Omissions to 102,743¹/₂^{lb} T^obo is
 partly constituted of a Charge of 270.^{lb} T^obo for recording an Indre
 bet L.^d Balt.^{re} and Cæcilius Calvert Esq.^r of the One part and the
 Hon.^{ble} Tho.^s Bennett and W.^m Sharpe Esq. of the other p.^t Settlem.^t
 of the Province of Maryland 30 Sides" against which is noted in
 the Margin "Articles relating to Lord Balt.^{re} Of sundry Charges
 on Petitions of private p^ons to the Governor and Council and
 Orders thereon in the Pet.^{rs} Favour to the Amount of 526.^{lb} T^obo
 of 27000.^{lb} of T^obo for 180 Inspectors Comisōns being upon an
 Average 20 Each Year at the Rate of 150.^{lb} of T^obo for Each" In
 the Acco.^t of the late Clk 3600.^{lb} of T^obo for "Inspectors Comisōns
 24 at 150.^{lb} T^obo Each" In the Account of the present Clk 9600.^{lb}
 of T^obo for 150 Days Attendance of those Gent besides some few
 trifling Charges for Parish Petitions And as to the Addition of
 7,448.^{lb} of T^obo made by the Committee of the Upper House as an