

L. H. J.
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let the Satisfaction be made in what Manner it may for those the late and present Clk of the Council ought to be paid there remains exclusive of mere War Charges only 19,162^{lb} of Tobo which proportioned on nine Years and six Months, the Time for which a Salary is claimed at 9,600^{lb} of Tobo $\bar{\tau}$ Ann comes to 2016.^{lb} of Tobo Yearly but for your Honours Ease and entire Satisfaction in this M \bar{r} e we have herewith sent you an Account which we think fully demonstrates that M \bar{r} Ross since his first being Clk of the Council has rec \bar{e} d from the public to the Amount of 153,621.^{lb} Tobo more than he ought up to the Time of his resigning that Office under an Abuse of the Rule you contend for that of allowing him an annual Salary in the Journal for Services by him done for the Public.

We are at a Loss from what your Honours could take it to be agreed “That a Salary to the Clk is the most convenient Satisfaction and that the Salary of 9,600^{lb} Tobo or £60 Curr $\bar{\tau}$ Ann is a moderate Allowance” As the Terms of our Message from which alone you attempt to torture this Agreement of Ours by your own Recital appear to be that “The Services done by the Clks of the Council may merit some Salary the Quantum of w^{ch} we will not undertake to ascertain” nor did we think it necessary to spend our Time in useless Considerations on the Quantum of a Salary with which we considered ourselves at Least so far unconnected that it could not with any Degree of Propriety be discharged by a further Tax on the people. It is a Matter that we then thought and still think not properly now a Subject of our Deliberations and had not your Hon.^{rs} laid so great a Stress on it we should not have troubled ourselves with investigating a Truth that now must appear to the World that the Salary of 9,600.^{lb} or £60 Curr^y $\bar{\tau}$ Ann is an immoderate Allowance tho’ your Hon.^{rs} with such Earnestness endeavour to maintain the Contrary

We still allow as we did before that the Services done by the Clk of the Council may merit some Salary and had that Admission been kept in View it might have saved your Honours the unnecessary Trouble of proving the same Thing: the Quantum made necessary only by yourselves we think we have demonstrated to be flatly against you and the Mode of Payment is in our Apprehension the only Point now remaining to be discussed

May we request your Hon.^{rs} Opinion whe.^r a Trust in its Nature does not oblige the Trustee to render an Acco.^t? Whe.^r by our Constitution an Acco.^t is not to be rendred for Monies granted for public Uses? Whe.^r Monies granted for the Support of Govⁿment are not granted for Public Uses? the Freemen of this Province are of Opinion in the Affirmative and we their Rep^rsentatives speak their Sense on the Subject

We cannot think but that K. W.^m the 3^d the glorious Restorer of English Liberties knew something of that Constitution which he