

our Station we must insist on your Making him the usual Allowance for we are determined never to give it up" On a Division of 16 to 13 the Vote passed which you have been pleased to mention and the Message you recite was framed and sent in Consequence of it

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In October Session 1763 after the Journal had been returned from the Up.<sup>r</sup> Ho: the Message of the Lo: Ho: of the 25.<sup>th</sup> Nov.<sup>r</sup> hath this Paragraph "If M<sup>r</sup> Ross will lay before us a particular Acco.<sup>t</sup> of his Charge for Services pformed 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 to be reasonable

Your Hon.<sup>rs</sup> will be kind enough to excuse or at least the Necessity will apologize for the long Quotations of Old Messages which when fairly recited without any Comment sufficiently prove this Truth that the Message recited by y.<sup>r</sup> Hon.<sup>rs</sup> as connected with that which Occasioned it cannot fairly be construed to imply any other public Services than those which M<sup>r</sup> Ross might do as Clerk of the Council required by the Laws in Force to be done by him

What Reasons your Hon.<sup>rs</sup> have for believing that what did appear from the Accounts before they were laid before us was pretty generally known as in any Manner relat<sup>g</sup> to the Knowledge of this House we are intirely ignorant for tho' we do admit that many of our Members did hear by circulating Reports that an Account of M.<sup>r</sup> Ross's Services exceeding in the Amount the Usual Salary for the same Time was in the Upper House there was equal good Authority to believe he did not intend to make any Claim on the Public for his Services as Clk of the Council and that the Journal would pass the Upper House without such Allowance What was reported as to his making no such Claim was confirmed by his not laying it before our Committee as he had generally done for upwards of 30 Years before but we believe when you consider the Consequences of this House taking Notice in an unparliamentary Manner of any thing that is before yours or the Conjectures of Idle People as to your Resolutions you would be unwilling to dispense with the Practice of Messages from the frequent groundless and unfavourable Reports respecting your Conduct. The late Lo: Ho: had often refused to make M<sup>r</sup> Ross Journal Allowances of Annual Salaries as Clk of the Council your House was often apprized of those Resolutions by Messages M<sup>r</sup> Ross did not make his usual Claim this Session you had his Account before you sanctioned by a Report of your own Committee but this House it seems without any Parliamentary Knowledge of its being there must ask for a Sight of it after you had omitted the Opportunity of sending it down with the Journal We may possibly be mistaken as to our Duty but we apprehend it to be to liquidate according to Justice and do what we can towards the Payment of Accounts laid before us against the Public without

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