

U. H. J.
Liber No. 36
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as of the Clerks Accounts, by which 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, 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 issue occasionally 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, & 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.

p. 248 If the Council Chamber had not ben repaired, there would have been a Necessity for making a Contract for the Use of 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, to the Discharge of our Contract, as yours for the like Convenience to yourselves.

Signed p Order Upton Scott Cl: Up: Ho:

Adjourned until 3 °Clock in the Afternoon.

Eodem Die post Meridiem

This House met according to Adjournment

Present as in the Morning

Read and referred to the Consideration of the Lower House, the Petitions of sundry of the Inhabitants of Prince Georges County, praying the Repeal of the Squirrel Law, the rebuilding their Prison, and the Erection of a Workhouse, as also, the Petition of Baldwin Skidmore a Prisoner in Prince Georges County Goal, sent by John Ridout Esquire.

Adjourned until 10 °Clock Tomorrow Morning