

U. H. J. An Act for erecting a new Parish in Kent County called Chester
Liber No. 36 County [sic] [Parish] & for building a Parish Church and enlarging
Dec. 12 a Chapel of Ease within the said New Parish

These Bills read and assented to and ordered to be subscribed

The Paper Bills so endorsed sent down by Benedict Calvert Esq.^r

Adjourned until 3 °Clock in the Afternoon

Eodem Die post Meridiem

This House met according to Adjournment

Present as in the Morning

The following Message along with the Journal of Accounts is brought by Mess.^{rs} Murdoch and three more

By the Lower House of Assembly Dec.^r 12th 1765

May it please Your Honours

We have taken into our Consideration your Message of the 9:th Ins.^t by Benedict Calvert Esquire, as also the Report of the Committee appointed to examine the Proceedings of the Council, together with the Account of Particulars furnished by the late and present Clerk; and altho the Services done by the Clerks of the Council may merit some Salary, the Quantum of which we shall not undertake to ascertain; yet we are clearly of Opinion, that under the peculiar Circumstances of this Province, such Salary ought not to be inserted in the Journal, nor in any Manner paid by a further Tax upon the People we represent.

We are not ignorant, that the Governor is assisted in the Administration of Government with the Advice of a Privy-Council; and we do admit that an officer, for the Purposes you mention, may be expedient, but as such Officer is chiefly employed in Acts of Government, so he ought, in Justice, to be paid out of the monies
p. 252 taken from the People for the Support of Government Your Honours well know that the provincial Amerciaments, Fines arising by the common Law, and Forfeitures under Acts of Assembly of this Province, granting the same for Support of Government, amount Annually to a considerable Sum, and that under Colour of an Act of Assembly in the Year Seventeen hundred and ffour, there has been collected for many Years a Duty of One Shilling Sterling p Hogshhead on all Tobacco exported out of this Province, to the Annual Account of near ffourteen hundred Pounds Sterling, which hath been received by the Lord Proprietary of this Province, and ought, agreeable to the express Directions of that Act to be applied towards the support of Government; And from anything we have ever been able to learn to the Contrary, there remains of those Monies unapplied to any Public Use, more than sufficient to make the late and present Clerk of the Council full Compensation for all their Services