

U. H. J. Anns County and of StPauls Parish lying partly in Queen Anne and
 Liber No. 36 partly in Talbot County
 Dec. 13

Read the first and second Time in the Lower House & will pass.

Read the first and second Time by especial Order in this House & will pass. so endorsed and sent by John Ridout Esquire.

The following Message is sent with the Journal of Accounts by Benedict Calvert Esquire.

By the Upper House of Assembly 13.th Dec.^r 1765

Gentlemen

That the Question between us, concerning the Clerk of the Councils Salary may be brought to the single Point, upon which it really depends, we think it proper to state some Facts that cannot be contraverted, and this Method is become the more proper, since it may tend to compose the Minds of the People, who having been imposed upon by the malignant Misrepresentations of factious Men, in whose Candour and Veracity they have too much confided, are extremely agitated.

In Pursuance of this Purpose, we lay down the following incontrovertible Facts,—That the Services performed by the Clerk 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 the Governor, by the Constitution of this Province, being assisted in the Administration of the Executive Powers of Government by the Advice of the Council, and it being expedient that there should be an Officer to give Notice to the Members of the Council, when their Attendance is requisite, to prepare the Mandates that occasionally issue to the Subordinate Ministers, and to record & preserve Memorial of the Proceedings in this Department, such Officer hath always existed in this Province, under the Appellation of Clerk, or Secretary, and is a necessary Constitutional Officer—That, in this Capacity, he hath been enjoynd to perform various Duties by many Acts of Assembly allotting for them no particular Rewards—that He hath always received a Satisfaction for His Services, in this Capacity to the Public in every Journal of Accounts that hath passed to the last inclusive—that M^r Ross Claims nothing but for Services done to the Public—Nothing but the Salary he &
 p. 254 his Predecessors in Office have always Claimed of, and been paid by the Public,—nothing but what all the Branches of the Legislature, concerned in regulating and assenting to all the former Journals, have thought his Services merited—that M^r Ross hath exhibited an Account of Duties actually performed by him in his Office of Clerk, 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