

by him for the Public would considerably exceed the Amount of the Salary, tho in framing the Account some part of the Services performed by him are not included, because not reducible to this Kind of State,—All the above Facts are, we conceive, undeniable, and therefore ought not to be conceald by Reserve or obscured by Evasion, but, on the Contrary, ought to be candidly and explicitly admitted, that all Men may be fully informed upon a Subject, which hath become the more Important from the gross Deceptions which have been practised, and the Discontents they have excited, that they who have been injured by Aspersion may have their Character vindicated by a full Detection of the Falshood and Malice of it.

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You are pleased to say that “the Services done by the Clerk of the Council may merit some Salary the Quantum of which you will not undertake to ascertain” We wish you had delivered your Sentiments on this Head with more Precision that we might run no risque in our Construction of ambiguous Expressions, of mistaking your real Meaning. May we presume to understand your meaning to be, that he does merit some Salary by his Services? but “you will not undertake to ascertain the Quantum” Shall we presume that you do not dispute the Quantum proposed by our Amendment. the Quantum always heretofore allowed? A Demand hath been made upon the Public, and the Amount of that Demand hath been expressly ascertained—we thought it to be just, and proposed the Insertion of it in the Journal. You do not deny that the whole ought to be paid, and we infer therefore that you tacitly admit the Clerk of the Council ought, in Justice & Equity, to be paid for his Services to the Public, by the Public, and that only the Mode of Payment is to be disussed and settled.

You farther observe that “under the peculiar Circumstances of this Province, the Clerks Salary ought not to be inserted in the Journal, nor in any Manner paid by a further Tax upon the People you represent” What these peculiar Circumstances are, you have not explained, and we are really at a Loss to ascertain; there is now a large Sum of Money subject to the Application of the general Assembly, there is also a large Public Debt due from the Province, which including M^r Ross’s Claim may be discharged by the Money, in our Treasury, without any additional new Tax upon the People, the Situation of the People is such, that the Failure of the Journal must involve very many in great Distress, These, we presume, are not the peculiar Circumstances you mean, if they are, they appear to us to apply most powerfully in favour of the old Establishments, by presenting to the View the indubitable Mischiefs that must arise from your persevering in the Purpose of deviating from them, if they are not, we shall not venture to conjecture what the peculiar Circumstances are to which you allude.

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