

Eodem Die post Meridiem

This House met according to Adjournment

Present as in the Morning

Adjourned until 10 o'Clock tomorrow Morning

U. H. J.  
Liber No. 36  
Dec. 18

Thursday Morning December 19.<sup>th</sup> 1765

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The following Message is sent by John Ridout Esquire [to the Lower House].

By the Upper House of Assembly 19.<sup>th</sup> December 1765  
Gentlemen,

The general Question between us is whether the Clerk of the Council for his Services to the Public shall be allowed in the Journal the Annual Salary, of Nine Thousand Six hundred Pounds of Tobacco, payable at the Rate of Twelve Shillings and Six Pence p Cent, hitherto always Claimed of & paid by the Public, in every former Journal regulated and assented to by all the Branches of the Legislature, or whether he shall be allowed nothing in the Journal for his Services to the Public?

We apprehend, for the Reasons communicated to you in a former Message, that he ought to receive the whole Salary claimed by him, and are now to consider the Force of those Arguments you have thought proper to urge in Support of your Opinion, that he ought to be allowed no Part of it in the depending Journal. That we may not lose Sight of the Object of our Enquiry, or be diverted by incidental Examinations, from that Attention which the Rise and present State of the Controversy require, we think it necessary to premise explicitly with what View the Clerk's Account was drawn up, before we consider with what Propriety you have taken minute Exceptions to particular Articles in it And by what Reasoning you attempt to maintain your Objections. Having considered the Clerk of the Council to be a necessary constitutional Officer & his Services in this Capacity to be of a general and Public Nature, which you admit in your Manner by not denying, we conceived that every One would without Hesitation admit that he ought to be paid by the Public for the Services he had performed, tho the Reasonableness of his established Salary might not be so obvious to those who were not so well apprised as we were of the Duties of his Office and therefore as the Message sent from the Lower House in the Year 1756 informed the Upper House "that tho the usual Allowance was made to M<sup>r</sup> Ross in the Journal at that Time, yet they had resolved for the