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Whether they may be or not to our Advantage besides if this Country improvement will be necessary to let some of them expire

If your Excellency does not think fit to Pass the Renewal Bill as Proposed this House cannot consent to the Alteration thereof

His Majesty's honourable Councils former Charges have always been allowed them and if they are not now it is an Imperson

As for the Allowance being struck out of the Journal of the Committee of Accounts it was because the Informer against the Hoop seized expected a benefit thereby who set him on Work and thought to Pay him

W. Sewall was not Allowed because he did not give that Satisfaction to the Country as was expected from him

As to One of the Members Clerks being employed he is a Native of the Country bred a Clerk and was capable of the said Employ and as a discouragement to this House to promote the Free Schools of the Natives as they become qualified to not permitted to officiate as Clerks &c

As to the Clerk of Justice we commanded our Clerk to Employ one upon some special Service therefore we allowed him

As to the Allowance for being Clerk to the meeting about the Indians in Oct 1697 it was the Sense of the House that he ought to do it as Clerk of the Council

W. Denton is Allowed 400<sup>l</sup> of Tobacco for being Clerk to two Committees this Session

In Answer to the Proposals to the Levy Law this House do concur with the first part of the proposal but if it be meant that 20000<sup>l</sup> Tobacco that shall be Levied for defraying the Justice Charge of this and the next provincial Court the House do Agree thereto

As to Major Whittington's Letter about the Bonds of Pennsylvania this House will not take it into Consideration till we receive an Answer from England of our Address about the same

As to Captain Pons Letter about the Cool Spring it is looked upon as an Idle Letter notwithstanding any Answer

The Letter from the Navy Office is not before us the Certificate from the Ordnance Office is not before us

As to the forms of Oaths and a Charge to the Grand Jury we refer the same to the next Session of Assembly

As to W. Parker this House will not take care about it As to Doctor Bray's Letter it being writ to his Excellency we desire his Excellency will Answer it

Letters of the Lord Bishop of London and Lords of the Council of Trade are writ

Signed for Order W. Bladen Secy. Genl. Secy.

Whereupon it is Remarked as followeth viz

Seeing the House will not consent to Alter the Act of Renewal his Excellency cannot justify

As to the Answer about W. Sewall his Excellency and his Majesty's honourable Council do think themselves as good Judges of his Summon as his Members of the House of Delegates and do say he ought to be Allowed

The Gross Reflections upon his Majesty's honourable Council pretend to be raised out from among those Resolves are very ill Presented for which you ought to make publick Satisfaction