

time will not be admitted as confidential but his Matys. hon^{ble} Councils do say that in Gov^r Sopleys time some of these members were always Joyned not only in apportioning the Seavy, but also with the Committee of accounts, and do think themselves to have as much Right to be concerned therein as the Members of the House of Delegates.

Therefore it is expected that all the Gen^l proposals be inserted and first Nominated in the Seavy Law otherwise it will not be proper.

As to your earnest Expecting this Ex^{ch} Comands to attend this Board in Order to put an end to this Sepion, this Ex^{ch} does say that if you had taken the Method proposed to you at first your hopes and Expectations might have been answered long ago and saved the Country a great many Thousand pounds of Tobacco.

The Auth of Gov^r Sopleys time are not returned with your remarks thereupon. Whereupon Debated and Resolved the following Answers be sent to his Ex^{ch} and his Matys. hon^{ble} Councils.

By the House of Delegates April the 3^o 1698.
As to Mr. Sewell, seeing we are to disburse the Country Money we are the proper Judges of what is fitting to be allowed.

As to his Matys. hon^{ble} Councils, what we first designed was true, yet we are so tender of their Hon^{rs} that we should not suffer it to appear upon our Journall.

As to Mr. Denton, that which you Ex^{ch} and Councils Call a Committee, the House tho' they acquiesce with it do not approve of that it should be called by that name being the people summoned had no Authority from the Country and therefore must not freely debate the Matter with you Ex^{ch}.

Wherefore the House desire to be excused from making any further allowance to Mr. Denton upon that Score.

When we settled the A^{cts} of the Councils in Assembly's Salary of 12000^s of Tob^o Annuum he did then promise that the Country should be at no further Charge for any writing in Relation to his said office.

His allowance of 400^s Tob^o was intended for both the Committees, howe worded in the Journall of the Committee of Acct^s.

This House cannot returne an answer to the Ex^{ch} from the Navy office, unless we see Ex^{ch} Randolphs L^{tr} and as it was directed to him he ought to returne an answer to it.

We have sent Major Small and Mr. Hopkins for Dr. Brays L^{tr}.
As to the protested Bill of Ex^{ch} allowed Mr. Ben. Hall it does not consist with the Hon^{rs} of this House to delay the payment of so just a Debt and of what we are so well Justified. Therefore humbly may you Ex^{ch} and Councils will consent to the payment thereof. as fast as the Surplus Tobacco will extend. the House agree this Matys. hon^{ble} Councils maybe Equally allowed.