

The House being called over members were present as yesterday and the proceedings of the house on yesterday were read.

On a motion made the Question was put whether private bills shall be long titles and sealed at the publick charge hereafter.

Resolved in the Affirmative.

The message from the Upper house on yesterday By Mr. Speaker about the Salaries of 8 & 5 p Cent on the duty of 18 p Cent being read the following was prepared in answer thereto and sent to the House.

13<sup>th</sup> 1716

By the lower house of Assembly Aug 13<sup>th</sup> 1716  
On Consideration of your message of yesterday by the House Resolved That  
Mr. Highman about the Salaries of 8 and 5 p Cent on the 18 p Cent granted to the  
of the People's Conduct For Baltimore in Consideration of his acceptance of his  
and rents in G. Co. at 2 & 3 p Cent were agree in regard the said money was begun  
in the Treasurers hands for the security of the Country till his Lordships pleasure  
should be known that the salary of 5 p Cent ought to be made good to the  
properly but as to the salary of 8 p Cent arising due for collecting & receiving  
the said duty were all of opinion his Lordship ought to be at the charge for fifth  
because had been known and that he accepted of it he must have appointed  
officers and pay salaries for collecting it and therefore order to forbid any  
debates that in time to come may arise on the same. The desire to be satisfied whether  
his Lordship has or shall accept of the said 18 p Cent allowance being made him for the  
5 p Cent salary on the Consideration in the Act for raising the same mentioned  
for were all unwilling to postpone that matter signed by Mr. Mather and Mr. Mather  
Sent to the Upper house by Mr. May or Mr. Wilson and Mr. James Peirce  
Mr. Peirce return and say they advised it.

Mr. Thomas Goddard from the Gen<sup>l</sup> of James Daines Mr. Speaker the message prepared by that Gen<sup>l</sup> on the vote past on Mr. Peirce answer verbal was ordered to be sent as follows

By the lower house of Assembly Aug 13<sup>th</sup> 1716

This house have

fully received Mr. Peirce's say and his Council in defence of what he was charged with by our message of the 26<sup>th</sup> July last he was fully acquainted with the reason of this house's resolve on that occasion and had the opportunity of hearing sundry members of this house as well as Mr. Peirce and his Council who in our judgment have fully proved their titles the facts we charged him with, we have fully considered the said Mr. Peirce's answers in writing which were presented to lay before us and we find thereby the said Mr. Peirce has satisfied that he overtook such allegations which would have been flatly opposite to the matter of fact, we have had it fully proved that such allegations were made and if flatly opposite to the matter of fact, our charge is in that part proved we find he acknowledges that he has often declared what he would for the service he performed in that station was a thing pressing, we find that the said Mr. Peirce had any inducement to make such declaration had not it been as a motive to the Country to make the allowances complained of unlawful.

(199) hereby send tacitly to acknowledge he had not.