The Report of the Comittee of Accounts relating to the Maintenance formerly provided for his Exps Hon[ble] Council [illegible] was Read and Ordered to be Entered as follow[s] — By the Comitte of Acc[ts]

May 31st 1717 —

Pursuant to the Order of the Lower house of Assembly we have Inspected into the Laws of this Province and Amongst them we find an Act of Assembly made March 1671 that Raised Two Shillings Phh[d] to the Right Honble Cecilius then Lord and Propry of the said province during his life time to Enable him in some Measure to defray the many Great and Necessary Expences of Govern[t] and in particular to allow Convenient Sallarys and Encouragem[t] to the Lt Gov[r] and Chief Governour and to the privy Council of the Lord & Propry of the Province for the their time Being so as without Prejudice to their private affairs they might be Encouraged and Reasonably required to Attend unto the Administracon of Justice and Other publick Concernments as also Towards the maintaining a Constant Magazine with Armes and Ammunition for the Defence of the province and the Other Twelve pence Phh[d] was Raised in Consideracon of the Lord Propry taking his Quit Rent Vizt 2 pence per Alienacon in Tob[o] at Two pence p pound we also find One Other Act of Assembly made may 1674 that gives the said Two Shillings Phh[d] in the same manner as above by the first Law to the s[d] Lord Propry During his life and and after his Decease to his Son Charles Calvert Esq[r] then Cap[t] Gen[l] and Governour of Maryland during life —.

We also further find an Act of Assembly made May 1676 that gives the said Two Shillings Phh in the same Manner as aforesaid to the Right Honble Charles then Lord and Propry during his life and after his Decease to his Eldest Son Cecilius during his life as by the Sev[l] Laws Reference being thereto had more at Large Appear —

Signed by Order

J Beale Cl[k] Com[ts]

Brought down from the Comittee of Laws an Answer to his Excy's Speech which Being Read in the House was Ordered to be Entered as follows Vizt

To His Excellency the Governour

We the Delegates Now met to Represent the [illegible] of this Province this present Generall Assembly under the [illegible] of the Lord Propry Beg Leave on this Occasion to Declare to Your Excy the Great Satisfaction we have Recd by the Answer of the Right Hon[ble]