

But notwithstanding that this unexpected step might justly Alarm the Members of his Lordship's Council, and give umbrage of Suspicion That the Representatives of this Province have so mean an Opinion of the Persons whom his Lordship has made choice of to Advise his Lieutenant Governour in all Emergencies of State, as to believe that they do not deserve the same publick Acknowledgments as formerly; yet we are willing to search out other Reasons for this Alteration, and have a dependance that the Justice of your House which shines upon other Occasions, will convince us, that the directions given to the Committee of Accounts proceeded rather from some hasty Resolve, (which when re-assumed and duly Scrutiniz'd, will have no place with you) than from any fix'd Resolution of your House, to deny, upon any Terms the Customary Allowance made to the Members of this House, when they act as a Council of State for the Publick Good.

*Sign'd per Order, S. S. Cl. Up. Ho.*

The following Message is prepared, viz.

By the Lower House of Assembly, October the 15th 1723.

*May it please your Honours,*

*Answer to the 1<sup>st</sup>  
Message.*

ON Considering your Message of the Tenth Instant, by J. R. Esq; relating to the Allowances usually made to your Honours, as a Council of State, We are of Opinion, that the Publick ought not to be burthened with paying for the Privy Councillors Attendance out of Assembly Time; Not for that we doubt your Honours having at Heart the common Weal of this Province, as much when acting as Privy Councillors, as when, in Conjunction with our House, in making of wholefom Laws for the good Government of this Province; but for that we find by an Act made in the Year 1670-1 *Two Shillings per Hogshead* was raised to the Right Honourable *Cecilus*, then Lord and Proprietary thereof, during his Life, to enable him, in some Measure, to defray the many great and necessary Expences of Government, and in particular to allow convenient Salaries and Encouragement to the Lieutenant General and Chief Governour, and to the Privy Council of the Lord and Proprietary of the Province, for the then Time being, so as, without prejudice to their Private Affairs, they might be encouraged to attend unto the Administration of Justice, and other publick Concernments, as also towards the maintaining a constant Magazeen, with Arms and Ammunition, for the Defence of the Province, and the other *Twelve Pence per Hogshead* was raised in consideration of his Lordship's taking his Quit-Rents and Fines for Alienations in Tobacco at *Two Pence per Pound*, and also, for that one other Act in the Year 1674; and another in the Year 1678 raise the same Duty for the same Uses. We also find by the Act made in the Year 1717, that *One Shilling per Hogshead* was raised towards the maintaining the Station and Dignity of his Lordship's Lieutenant Governour actually Inhabiting and Residing within this Province, and to such other necessary Uses towards the Support and Defence of the said Lord Proprietary's Government of this Province, as in his Lordship's Wisdom to him shou'd seem meet. Upon which we are humbly of Opinion, that as the Privy Council are a part of the Government, chosen by his Lordship to support the Prerogative, so we presume, that part of that *Twelve Pence per Hogshead*,