

*Hegsbard*, is raised to defray the Charges of the Council, out of Assembly Time. We further observe to your Honours, That by the Act of Assembly that ascertains the Expences of the Councillors, Delegates &c. All such Councillors are to be allowed the Sum of One Hundred and Fifty Pounds of Tobacco per Day during the time they shall attend such Assemblies, and no more, besides their Itinerant Charges to be paid out of the Publick Levy. So that should we assess that on the People whom we represent, which, in our opinion, they ought not to be burthened with, and we are not Warranted to do, we should be esteemed but bad Husbands of their Money, and little deserving the Trust reposed in us. For which Reasons we cannot recede from our former Resolve on that Occasion.

Sign'd per Order, M. J. Cl. Lo. Ho.

Which was sent to the Upper House by Mr. B. and five others.

Col. H. and Col. Y. from the Upper House deliver Mr. Speaker the following Message, viz.

By the Upper House of Assembly, October the 16th, 1723.

Gentlemen,

BY your Message of the 15th Instant, by J. B. Esq; and five more, we find our selves under a necessity of reminding you, that the Country has since the Year 1670-1 and in all probability, many Years before supported the Council of State in this Province, by making such Allowances from Time to Time, as might defray their Expences, when upon Publick Service, either by raising an Impost for that purpose, or by Assessment upon the Inhabitants; by Impost until the King assumed this Government, then the Legislature thought fit to apply that Impost to other Uses, and assess the Inhabitants; and so continued during the Government of the Crown. When the Proprietary Government was Restored, they continued the like Impost to the like Uses, and still assessed the Inhabitants for Support of the Council, unto this Day. The case being so, we can have no Expectation that his Lordship will Support his Council now, when we have made no Provision for him so to do. If you doubt any of the above Allegations, we desire a Conference with some of your Members, that we may evince the Truth of them, which when done, we cannot think that you will be of Opinion; that we ought to serve the Publick at our own Expence, but rather that we should be allowed as usual.

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

Thereupon Resolved, That a Conference be granted, and Mr. H. Mr. B. Col. M. Mr. Y. Mr. C. and Mr. H. are appointed to joyn with such of the Members of the Upper House as they shall appoint in the Conference proposed. And the following Message prepared, viz.

A Conference Resolved.

By the Lower House of Assembly, October the 16th 1723.

May it please your Honours,

ON reading your Message this day by Col. H. and Col. Y. desiring a Conference concerning the Usual Allowances to the Members of his Lordship's