

glapli to favour your Claims, which rather seems to be to lead us into wrong Notions of those Acts, than to clear up the Truth. We hope therefore, as there is now no Law in force to Support your Claim, your Claim is not now Supported by Law, as you by that manner of wording your Message, are pleas'd to insinuate. We cannot think your Honours have cause to charge us with being in the least partially Prejudic'd in this Dispute, which you plainly do, by saying, we seem Resolv'd not to regard the Laws and reasonable Customs you produce to Support your Claims.

The Laws we don't regard, because as we have before said, they are Repealed, and the Reasons to support your Custom, we disregard, because by the Laws now in force, we find there are other Moneys rais'd for the Support of Government, that is not particularly apply'd by the Act that raises it for the Support of Government, which says, *Twelve Pence of the Fifteen Pence per Hogshead*, rais'd for the Support of Government, should be apply'd towards the maintaining the Station and Dignity of his Lordship's Lieut. Governour, actually residing within this Province, and to such other necessary uses towards the Support and Defence of the Lord Proprietary's Government of the Province, as in his Lordship's Wisdom to him shall seem meet. Your Honours may please to Remember, that by all the old Laws that mention the Support of Government, you are included, as a part of what is to be Supported thereby. The Money rais'd, is to be apply'd, as to his Lordship seems meet; his Lordship best knows of what Value and Esteem your Service is to him; If his Lordship thinks he can apply it to more Advantage for the Support of Government, or that he had rather want your assistance than apply it that way, we are oblig'd to submit to his Lordship therein, so as that it be really apply'd to the Support of Government. But as there is sufficient rais'd for the Support of Government, and that the Act for directing the manner of Electing and Summoning Delegates, &c. does say, your Honours shall be allowed *One Hundred and Fifty Pounds of Tobacco per Day* for each Day's attendance in Assembly Times, and no more, we take it clearly, that your Honours Customary Allowance has no reasonable Foundation or Cause of it's Continuance, the *One Hundred and Fifty Pounds of Tobacco* for attendance in Assembly Time being what we never refus'd.

But we can't but think, that your Honours refus'd to Assent to our Allowances when you Dissented to the whole Journal of Accounts, and we think, what we observ'd to your Honours, by that Message on that Head, is obviously Right. And as your Honours implicitly allow, by your Message, we never have made such use of our Power as we there complain of, we assure your Honours, We, and we hope, our Successors never will: And we hope, as an Instance of your Honours declining with Abhorrence, the making such use of yours, you'll think fit to assent to the Allowances concerning which there is no Dispute, by sending down our Journal with your Assent, that the Business and Charge of this Sessions may, at length determine, or lie at their Door that Cause them to continue and increase, while we content our selves with and persist in doing our Duty as faithful Stewards for those we Represent.

We therefore rely on our late Conclusion, which we are clearly satisfied, the Journal you quote shews no Cause for altering.

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

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