

Answer to the  
8th Message.

May it please your Honours,

**Y**OUR Message of the 24th Instant by Col. T. and two others seems rather to require a Comment than an Answer and consists, as we understand it, of no other Matter than, *first*, the same pretended Reasons you gave us in your former Messages. *Secondly*, of the rhetorical florid Expressions to grace those pretended Reasons, and *Thirdly*, of reproaching us with your own mistaken Manner of treating us. The second and third of these, your and our Journals which you so often appeal to, be the Evidence; and let any impartial Reader Judge. We are resolv'd not to be led from our Country's Business by any thing you shall offer to Divert us, nor take further Notice of the Manner wherein you are pleas'd to dress your reasonings, in your last Essay, save that we think your former Messages express your Intent with Elegance and Conciseness and this late one with less of those and much more Prolivity and Circumlocution.

We therefore again (in your Method) Repeat our Conclusion, that the Acts you insist on to Support your Claims, are, and long since were all repealed.

That the Custom you insist on has no foundation for the Reasons we have already shewn in our former Messages, and because the Journals you last Quote in your Favour were in 1696, and 1697, when the Acts in being that Settled the Revenue, Settled the whole Revenue for the Support of Government, one whereof in the Russel Cover'd Book of Laws, fol. 117, is entituled, *An Act for Settlement of an annual Revenue on their Majesty's Governour of this Province, for the Time being, Anno 1692.* Another Act of the same Purport and Title, *Anno 1699*, in the large Vellum Law Book, fol. 30; by these Acts there was no Room left for the Council, but the whole applied to the Governour's Support, this made it reasonable to Allow them Wages out of the Publick, there being no other Provision for them; but by the Act for settling the Revenue, now in force, there is Room left and plain Provision made for them, if his Lordship pleases to apply it so, if not, we can lay no restraint on him; and your Honours may more properly apply to him on this occasion than we. We therefore again tell your Honours, we are Convinced on our Consciences, you have neither Law nor reasonable Custom to Support your Claims, and that we will not act contrary to this Conviction, on any Consideration whatever, let the Consequence be what it will.

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

Which was sent to the Upper House by Mr. T. and five others. They return and say they delivered it.

On a Motion being made, it is Resolved that his Honour the Governour be Addressed to put an end to this Session.

By the Lower House of Assembly, October the 25th 1723.

To the Honourable Charles Calvert Esq; Governour of Maryland.

The Humble Address of the Lower House of Assembly, now sitting.

May it please your Honour;

The Lower House  
Address the Governour.

**A**S we look upon your Honour to be the last Recourse we can have here in quest of Justice in our Parliamentary Proceedings,