

your Message of Yesterday, viz. That the whole Revenue being applied to the Governour, left no room for the Council, and this as you laid down for a Rule, made it reasonable to allow them Wages out of the Publick, there being, as you alledge, no Provision made for them. This Rule, you say, the former Assemblies walk'd by, and by the same Rule it is, that we are willing to be Govern'd now, and affirm from the Terms of the Message afore said, that there is now no more room for the Council, than at those Times, when the same Allowances which we now Claim were thought reasonable, for in that Message you acknowledge, that no restraint can be laid upon his Lordship, by the Terms of the Act, how then, or by what means shall we come at our Allowances? Or what Provision is there more for us now, than if no such Law had been ever made, as that which you refer us unto, in which we are not so much as mentioned, nor included within the Intention thereof.

But if in your Opinion, Gentlemen, there be any certain Provision made for us, which we know nothing of, it had been much more agreeable to us, and much more becoming the Lower House, to have pointed out to us such Provision, that we might have profited our selves thereby, than to have employed your Time in Writing a Satyr upon our just Proceedings; in return of which we shall let you see that as we have the Superiority in our House, we resolve, by our disregard of your Abuses, to entitle our selves to it in good Manners also. And so we shall refer all further Debates upon the Head of our Allowances until another Session.

*Upper H. refer it till next Session.*

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

Whereupon it is Resolved by this House, That the Reference proposed be not assented to by this House.

*But resolved against by the Lower House.*

After which his Honour the Governour was pleased to express himself in the following Words, viz.

*Gentlemen of the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly;*

I Am heartily Sorry that this Session hath been of so long Continuance, but hope the Laws made therein will make ample Amends to the good People for the Expence.

*The Governour's Speech at the close.*

*Gentlemen of the Lower House;*

I cannot Conclude this Sessions without observing to you how much his Lordship will be Surprized at your endeavouring to load his Revenue, with the Charge of maintaining the Council, after his Lordship has so generously Sacrificed his private Interest for the publick Good; the most tender endeavouring Father could not do more for his own private Family. As his Lordship is so good to the Publick, there ought to be a grateful acknowledgment of his Favours; his Lordship's Interest, and that of the Country are the very same. And as the use of a Council of State is inseparably necessary to carry on the Interest of both, so whoever will insinuate the contrary cannot be a real Friend to either.

*Gentlemen of both Houses,*

Nothing more remains but that I Prorogue you, which I hereby do, with the Advice of his Lordship's Council, to the Tenth day of March next, being the second Tuesday in the said Month, before which Time, (if there be not an absolute Necessity of your Meeting) I shall Summons the Council, purposely to Consult of a further proper Time, for the Conveniency of the good People.

*Maryland.*