

Ease as the Security of the good People, might not possibly have been so duly Considered as the Nature of the Thing seems to require. For which reasons we then postponed our further Claims to this present Sessions, in hopes you will now Agree to those Allowances which we take to be the just Right of the Council for Attending upon all such publick Occasions, as the publick Weal of this Province should make their Advice necessary, unto the Governour thereof. All which seems to have been specially considered by the whole Legislature; when they Resolved, That *One Hundred and Fifty Pounds of Tobacco per Diem* should be paid to every Member of the Council, for their Attendance, in lieu of *Thirty Pounds Sterling per Annum*, out of the Impost Duty on Liquors, as appears in the Journals of the House, *Anno 1697.* Whereupon we again Recommend to your Consideration the making those Allowances.

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

*J. H. Esq;* from the Upper House, delivers Mr. Speaker the following Message, *viz.*

By the Upper House of Assembly, *October the 16th 1724.*

*Gentlemen,*

*Answer from Upper Ho. about the form of the Oath of a Judge.*

UPON Consideration of your Message of *October the Tenth*, by *Col. M.* and five others, we are of opinion, That whatever defects may have happened in the forms of the Oaths to be Administred to the Judges of the Provincial, and County Courts, by the frequent and careless Transcribing of the Clerks, they ought to be corrected; and whenever laid before our House, we shall readily concur therein.

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

By the Lower House of Assembly, *October the 19th 1724.*

*May it please your Honours,*

*Answer to the Message about Councilors Allowances.*

WE have compared your Honour's Message of the 16th Instant, by *Col. T.* with what his Honour, the Governour, was pleased to say at the close of the last Sessions, and from his Honour's so tenderly handing to us his Remarks on our Debates, we are perswaded, that he did not intend such his Tenderness should be construed as a Reproach to us, and we should have thought your Honours had proceeded much more agreeable to our Governour's tenderness in that part, had you been pleas'd to have spared the Term, as well as the Charge against us, of *Ingratitude* to his Lordship; a Crime which we shall ever endeavour to preserve our selves Innocent of, and hope, our debating a Matter of Right in a Parliamentary way, can never be liable to such an Imputation. We beg leave to observe, your Honours seem'd to reassume the Debates that were last Sessions concerning your Allowances, as Councillors, but do not find that you offer any new Remark or Argument to induce us to recede from what we then Resolved. And we cannot find, on enquiry, that any single Member has changed his opinion since that Time. We shew'd your Honours then our Reasons against the same Remarks you are now pleased to make; but do not find, we any ways called in Question the usefulness of