

*Benjamin Tasker*, Esq; from the Upper-House, delivers Mr. *Speaker*, the following Message, viz.

By the Upper-House of Assembly, *November 1, 1725.*

*Gentlemen,*

**Y**OU may well perceive by his Lordship's Speech delivered to both Houses of Assembly, at the opening of this Sessions, that we are not to expect any Gratuity from his Lordship, for our Service as a Council of State, out of the Money raised for Support of Government; this obliges us again to apply to you for (what we take to be) our just Right for our Service in Council, viz. One Hundred and Fifty Pounds of Tobacco per Day, with Itinerant Charges as usual; which Use or Custom we find grounded upon an Agreement between the House of Delegates, and Governour and Council, in an Assembly held in *September, Anno Dom' 1694*, an Authority not heretofore quoted or discovered; which Agreement succeeding Assemblies wou'd not recede from, when the then Governour proposed a standing Salary for the Council in Money, but insisted that the Allowance of 150 l. of Tobacco per Day was well settled, so it appears to have been, for we do not find it disputed till very lately.

*Gentlemen,* We desire you'd impartially consider this Affair, and then we promise our selves that we shall not be distinguish'd from the rest of our Fellow Subjects, by being obliged to serve the Publick at our own Expence.

*Sign'd per Order, G. P. Cl. Up' Ho.*

The following Message is prepared viz.

By the Lower House of Assembly, *November 2, 1725.*

*May it please your Honours,*

**T**HE Force of the new Authority your Honours quote, to justify your Claim of One Hundred and Fifty Pounds of Tobacco per Day, for attending Private Councils, has been in our first Debates sufficiently refuted, that being at a Time when the Crown had the Government, and when the Revenue was wholly settled for the Support of the Government, and not as 'tis now, for the like Support, and such other necessary Uses of Government as to his Lordship shall seem meet. We pray you'll please to be referr'd to our Message of the 25th of *October, 1723*, as you'll readily find it in your printed Proceedings, (Page 32) and you'll thereby perceive how little Cause you have from this new-found Proceeding, to renew your Claim.

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

Which was sent to the Upper House by *Col. Ward*, and *Major Malden*. They return, and say they deliver'd it.

*Col. Tilghman*, from the Upper House, delivers Mr. *Speaker* the following Message, viz.

By the Upper House of Assembly, *November 2, 1725.*

*Gentlemen,*

**T**HE Reason you give for the Reasonableness of the Allowance of 150 l. of Tobacco per Day, for the Attendance of the private Council under the Crown, viz. That the whole Revenue for Support of Government was otherwise apply'd; do still evidently subsist; for we have no Possibility of coming at any Part of the Money rais'd for Support of Government; therefore it's reasonable some other Provision should be made for us. The

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