

By the Upper House of Assembly, June 11. 1739.

Gentlemen,

WE are much surprized to find in the Journal of your Committee of Accounts, an Allowance made to *Robert Newcomb* as a Witness, and another to *Edmund Bleads* for his Attendance as an Evidence against *John Leeds*, which are such as we cannot remember to have been made by the Assembly, and we are perswaded might be made use of as Precedents to Tax the Country very largely, if ever it should be the Misfortune of the Country to elect a majority of their Delegates of Persons inclinable to assume to themselves Powers inconsistent with the Laws of the Country.

At the same Time that we take Notice of these Allowances, we find several Accounts of just Fees, which we herewith send you, due to the Secretary and Clerk of the Council, such as were never 'till lately disputed or refused, and we assure you that without you strike out the Allowances made to *Newcomb* and *Bleads* aforementioned, and insert these last mentioned, we cannot assent to the Journal.

There is likewise an Account of 21250 *lb.* Tobacco due to the Secretary, and another of 28000 *lb.* Tobacco due to the Attorney General, that we think ought to be allowed them, but as we are not altogether so clear to them, as we are to the others, whether the Province or particular Counties are chargeable with them, we shall not now insist on their being allowed by the Publick, but shall always reserve to the Officers the Liberty of charging the said Fees agreeable to Justice.

Signed per Order, *J. Ross*, Cl. Up. Ho.

By the Lower House of Assembly, June 11. 1739.

May it please your Honours,

AS to the Allowances that were made in the Journal to *Newcomb* and *Bleads*, this House have struck the same out of the Journal.

The Allowances proposed by your Message to the Secretary and *Mr. Ross*, we have not now time to consider of, therefore desire the Consideration of them Accounts may be referred to the next Sessions.

We send you again the Journal of Accounts, and hope 'twill Pass your House as it now stands.

Signed per Order, *W. Ghiselin*, Cl. Assst. to Cl. Lo. Ho.

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