

and therefore are much surprized at your Message of Yesterday by Mr. *Sprigg*, and Others, with the Journal of Accounts, wherein you seem to suppose the Allowances made to them were only for their Services in Assembly time. If you are Right your Journal is very Wrong, for you have made Annual Allowances to both in Years wherein we had no Session, and allowed your own Clerk for extraordinary Services done, tho' you refuse to do it to ours for some done at the request of your own Committee; but the difference you make between the two Clerks, does not appear so extraordinary as your Claiming a Right to have the Council Books laid before your Committee; For we find by a Message, the Lower House the 2d April 1698, made an Apology for a Thing of the like sort, in these Words, *As to our sending a verbal Message to the Clerk of the Council for Papers without his Majesty's Honourable Council's Knowledge or Leave, we acknowledge the same an Error, but not any wise done out of Presumption; as also the like Error in sending for the Honourable Sir Thomas Lawrence, Secretary.*

We are not less surprized at your refusing an Allowance to Mr. *Green*, for Printing some Orders of Council, which we affirm was done by Order of his Excellency our Governor, after some of your Members had made great Complaint that they were not Printed.

You may well remember, that both Houses Agreed in the Year 1739, to allow Mr. *Green* for Printing all Things of Publick Nature, that he should be Directed to Print, either by the Governor, or either House of Assembly; and why you should allow him for Printing Things Directed by your selves, and refuse to comply with that part of your Contract that relates to the Governor and Upper House, we can only account for by supposing you are unwilling the Country should be acquainted with what can be said on the side of the Government.

However as your Journal already amounts to 11510 *l.* 9 *s.* 4 *d.* we shall not insist on your making at Present any of the Allowances in Dispute between us, but shall refer them 'till next Session, and have accordingly sent your Journal down Assented to.

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

Maj. *Sprigg*, Dr. *Carroll*, Mr. *Calder*, Col. *Cobvill*, Mr. *Rumsey*, and Mr. *Osborn Sprigg*, appointed a Committee to enquire into Ways and Means to Discharge the several Allowances in the Journal of Accounts.

*The House Adjourns until the Morrow Morning at 9 of the Clock.*