

“ As to the Charge of 1350 lbs. of Tobacco to the late Governor, for the Seals to fifteen Proclamations, relating to his Lordship's Assent to the Inspecting Law, we believe it was not intended to give the Law any additional Force, but thought necessary to quiet the Minds of the People, who had been made to believe that the Law was or would be Dissented to; and as this may probably never happen again, we hope you will agree to allow it.

“ As to the Allowance for the Members of the Council, for their Attendance as a Council of State, though you are pleased to recite to us, *An Act directing the Manner of electing Delegates, &c.* that Act can only be understood to direct what Allowance shall be made to the Members of the Two Houses, for attending in Assembly Time: We might refer you to other Acts, and your own Journals, for the Counsellors Allowance, which, we think, both reasonable and just; but, as this Session hath been continued much longer than heretofore, we are willing, for the Ease of the good People of this Province, to wave our Allowance at this Time, that the Journal may pass, and to reserve that Allowance to a future Session.

“ As this Session is drawing near to a Conclusion, we have not Time to enumerate the many Services done by the Clerk of the Council, some of which cannot be unknown to you: Former Assemblies have judged it to be an useful Office, and always allowed the Clerk an annual Salary in all the Journals heretofore passed the Two Houses, to the Year 1747, and never was denied him until now: Therefore, to speak plainly, which best becomes our Station, we must insist on your making him the usual Allowance, for we are determined never to give it up.

“ We are much mistaken, if the Militia the Governor ordered out to the Assistance of our back Inhabitants, did not lay the Journal of their Proceedings before your House, in Hopes you would have looked over it, and made them such Allowances for the Time they were absent, in the Service of the Province, as might be reasonable.

“ We readily agree, that the Public Debt, of Nine Years standing, is indeed very great, and must be still more burthensome to the People, if suffered to be annually increasing; but we think it cannot justly be imputed to us. And we are so far from being satisfied, that no Demand against the Public, which has either a lawful or reasonable Foundation, is omitted to be made in the Journal of Accounts sent up to us, that, on the contrary, we must, in Justice to ourselves, tell you, that we think, had you been willing to allow the Creditors of the Public what was due to them, and the Servants thereof such Wages, as by the plainest Rules of common Right and Justice, you ought to have done, the Public Credit would not have fallen into that Contemptible State, in which you say it is, nor the Journal lain so long without being Passed, which we now send down, in Hopes you will make the Amendments proposed.

“ Signed per Order, J. Ross, Cl. Up. Ho.”

Benedict Calvert, Esq; from the Upper House, delivers to Mr. Speaker the Bill entituled, *An Act for issuing Writs of Replevin out of the County Courts, &c.* indorsed, “ By the Upper House of Assembly, May 4, 1756: Read the second Time, and will not pass. Signed per Order, J. Ross, Cl. Up. Ho.”

The following Message, viz.

By the Lower House of Assembly, May 4, 1756.

May it please your Honours,

IN Answer to your Message of this Day, as you say you are ready to Confer with us on the Terms of your Message of Yesterday, and no other, and as we must still confess we do not clearly understand that Message, but are apprehensive you expect we will Confer on the whole Subject Matter of the last Bill, sent down to us with your Negative, which we cannot by any Means consent to; yet, in order to demonstrate still further how much we have it at Heart to shew our Loyalty to our most gracious Sovereign, and tender Regard for our distressed Country, we have now instructed our Conferees to Confer with Yours, upon all the Objections made to our several Bills, for his Majesty's Service, and our own Security.

Signed per Order, M. Macnemara, Cl. Lo. Ho.

Was sent to the Upper House by Mr. Matthew Tilghman and Mr. Carroll.
The House adjourns until the Morrow Morning at VIII of the Clock.