

Foundation for your Apprehensions, we wonder you did not search and point out those just Claims you might find disregarded; we do assure your Honours, all such shou'd have been readily added.

Your Honours cannot be ignorant, that the Lower House refused to make the Clerk of the Council the usual Allowance at February Session 1756, and made one to Mr. Ross, in Consideration of Public Services he might have performed by virtue of the Laws of this Province; and then by Message informed your Honours, that they had Resolved that for the future no such Allowance should be made; but that upon a particular Account laid before the Lower House by Mr. Ross for Public Services by him done for this Province, they would allow what should appear reasonable.

Your Honours no doubt well know that the Monies received by the Proprietary from the People of this Province for the Support of Government (whether justly or not, alters not the Case) are much more than sufficient, after all other Expences to which they ought to be applied are defrayed, to make the Clerk of the Privy Council, a full Compensation for his Services; and we cannot imagine but that his Lordship will be generous enough to do it, as his Salary stands upon the same Foundation with your Honours Allowance as a Privy Council, the Claim of which you have thought proper lately not to contend about. Public Credit is reduced to so low an Ebb, that we think the World must look upon it as the highest Injustice in your Honours, further to postpone the Payment of the Public Debt, because we will not Tax the People for the Payment of a Salary to the Clerk of the Privy Council, who, we do unanimously contend, ought, together with your Honours, as Privy Councillors, to be satisfied out of the Monies collected by the Proprietary from the People for the Support of the Government of this Province, (of which we hope the Time will come, when an Account will be had) as your Services and his, of which his Lordship alone, from the Secrecy of their Nature, can be a competent Judge, cannot by any other be rewarded according to their Merit.

If Mr. Ross will lay before us a particular Account of his Charge for Services performed by virtue of the Laws of this Province, and for which he ought in Reason to be paid by a Tax on the People of this Province, we will readily insert in the Journal what may appear to us reasonable.

The Adjustment of Public Claims, we look upon to be the peculiar Privilege of this House, and to have been always exercis'd as such, and we must suppose the Vouchers for Support of such Claims of Course ought to remain with us. If your Honours intend, which we think fairly deducible from two of your Messages of the 23d Instant, by any Person acquainted with the Affairs of this Province, that the Payment of all Public Creditors shall be made, when made at all, by Poll Tax on the People, notwithstanding the Public Treasury, in which there may be a great deal of Money much wanted in Circulation, may be well able, if the Money therein were applied, to discharge the Public Debt, and we have many Precedents of such Applications, we shall always think it our Duty to oppose so grievous, unequal and unnecessary a Tax, and so far from fearing any Imputation by the Impartial, we are satisfied our Conduct will be approved by the Public Creditors themselves, and applauded by the good People of this Province.

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

Was sent to the Upper House by Mr. Ringgold and Mr. H. Hall.

On Motion made by Mr. Ringgold, That a Message be prepared, in Answer to the Message of the 24th Instant, brought from the Upper House by J. Ridout, Esq; ORDERED, that Mr. Ringgold, Col. Tilghman, Mr. Murdock, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Hammond, and Mr. J. Hall, do prepare and bring in the same.

On Motion of Col. Tilghman, Leave given to bring in a Bill for the Regulation of Ordinaries within this Province; ORDERED, that Col. Tilghman, Mr. Ringgold, Mr. Sulivane, and Mr. Hanson, do prepare and bring in a Bill accordingly.

On Motion of Mr. Key, the Question was put, that Leave be given to bring in a Bill for the Support of Fifty Men, for the Protection of the Frontier Inhabitants of this Province, and for the Payment of the said Men out of the Overplus of the Funds of the 40000l. Act. RESOLVED in the Negative.

For the NEGATIVE,

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| | { Hynson, | Johnson, | Edmondson, | Beall, | Tilghman, |
| | { Ringgold, | Gantt, | Thomas, | Waring, | Wright, |
| | { Lloyd, | Grahame, | Sulivane, | Jacob, | Magruder. |
| | { Worthington, | Hanson, | Steele, | | |

For the AFFIRMATIVE,

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| Mess. Key, | Steuart, | Beatty, | Chapline. |
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The House adjourns till the Morrow Morning at IX of the Clock.

Saturday, November 26.

THE House met according to Adjournment: The Members were called and all appeared as Yesterday, except Mr. Thomas. The Proceedings were Read.