

your Satisfaction, that the Public Services done by the Clerk, well deserve the Salary claimed by him, and uniformly allowed to this Officer, in every Journal, to this Time.

That the Governor, by the Constitution of this Province, is assisted in the Administration of the executive Powers of Government by the Advice of the Council, is sufficiently known, and the Expediency of appointing an Officer to give Notice to the Members of the Council, when their Attendance is requisite, to prepare the Mandates that occasionally issue to the subordinate Ministers, and to Record and Preserve, Memorials of the Proceedings in this Department, is so obvious, that, we apprehend, it would be unnecessary to produce any direct Proofs to establish the Fact, that there hath always been a Clerk attendant upon the Council, or to offer any formal Arguments to evince that as the Council, by our Constitution, assist the Governor with their Advice in the Administration of the Powers vested in him as supreme Magistrate, so their Clerk is a Constitutional Officer.

According to this Idea, he hath always been paid in the Journal of Accounts for his Services to the Community, and hath been enjoined to perform various Duties by many Acts of Assembly, without the Allotment of particular Rewards.

The Repairs of the Council Chamber were necessary to Shelter us from the Inclemency of the Weather; and we must take the Liberty to inform you, that, whatever your Resolves may be, we shall, without any Scruple, take Care to have a proper Place to meet in when we are called together to transact the Public Business. If the Council Chamber had not been Repaired, there would have been a Necessity for making a Contract for the Use of a Room in some private House, as you have done, and there would be the same Reason for applying the Public Money, (in which our Money is as well included as yours) to the Discharge of our Contract, as of yours for the like Convenience to yourselves.

Signed by Order,

U. SCOTT, Cl. Up. Ho.

And the following Report, viz.

To the Honourable the UPPER HOUSE of ASSEMBLY.

WE the Subscribers, being appointed a Committee by this Honourable House, to examine the Proceedings of the Council, and to compare the Charges in the Clerk of the Council's Account, presented in pursuance of the Order of this Honourable House, with the said Proceedings, and to Report to the said House what should appear to them in their Enquiry and Examination, Do Report to this Honourable House, That they have carefully examined the said Proceedings, and compared therewith the Charges contained in the said Clerk's Account, and that it appears to them that the actual Service done by the said Clerk, from the 10th of May 1756, in Copying and Recording the Proceedings of the said Council, or Matters of a Public Nature relative to the Executive Powers of this Government, charging Nine Pounds of Tobacco per Side containing One Hundred and Five Words, amounts to a Sum considerably exceeding the Quantity of Tobacco mentioned in the Clerk's Account, exclusive of all Charge for Attendance preceding the Meetings of the Council, the Summoning of the Members, keeping Officers Bonds, County Levies, &c.

All which is humbly submitted to this honourable House.
15th November, 1765.

ROBERT JENCKINS HENRY,
HENRY HOOPER.

A true Copy. U. SCOTT, Cl. Up. Ho.

And the Account of the Clerks of the Council, drawn out for Services done by them, and charged to the Public, from the Year 1756, to 1765; which were Read the first Time: And being Read the second Time, on Motion, Ordered, That Thomas Johnson, Esq; Col. Tilghman, T. Ringgold, Esq; J. Hall of Annapolis, Esq; J. Hollyday, Esq; W. Murdock, Esq; Mr. Grahame, Mr. Hanson, and Samuel Chase, Esq; be appointed a Committee to Report on the Accounts of the late and present Clerks of the Council; and also to make an Estimate of the Monies received from this Province, under Colour of Law, for Support of Government, and how those Monies are applied.

Thomas Ringgold, Esq; brings in, and delivers to Mr. Speaker, the Letter from this House to Charles Garth, Esq; fairly transcribed; which being Read the second Time, the House approved thereof; and Ordered, That the same be signed, on Behalf of the House, by the Honourable Speaker, and be by him transmitted.

The House adjourns till II of the Clock.

POST-MERIDIEM. The House met.

Mr. Sotheron, and Mr. Buchanan, appeared in the House.

John Ridout, Esq; from the Upper House, delivers to Mr. Speaker, a Petition of sundry the Inhabitants of Prince-George's County; and a Petition of Baldwin Skidmore, a languishing Prisoner in Prince-George's County Goal; severally Indorsed, "By the Upper House of Assembly; Referred to the Consideration of the Lower House of Assembly."

Which Petitions were here Read the first Time, and Ordered to lie on the Table.

The House adjourns till the Morrow Morning at IX of the Clock.

TUESDAY,