

Original Journal. summoned had no authority from the Country and therefore durst not freely debate the matter with your Ex<sup>cy</sup>

Wherefore the house desire to be Excused from making any further allowance to M<sup>r</sup> Denton upon that Score. When we Settled the Cl: of the Councill in Assembly's Sallary of 12000<sup>l</sup> of Tobb<sup>o</sup> p<sup>a</sup> annum he did then promise that the Country should be att no further charge for any writing in relation to his said office.

His allowance of 400<sup>l</sup> Tob<sup>o</sup> was Intended for boath the Comittees, however worded in the Iournall of the Committee of Acc<sup>ts</sup>

This house cannot returne an answer to the Lrē: from the Navy office, unless we see Esq. Randolph's Lrē: and as it was directed to him he ought to returne an answer to it.

We have sent Major Ennalls and M<sup>r</sup> Hoskins for D<sup>r</sup> Brays Lre:

As to the protested Bill of Ex: allowed M<sup>r</sup> Ben: Hall it dos not consist with the hon<sup>r</sup> of this house to delay the payment of so Just a Debt and of what we are so well Justified. Therefore humbly pray your Ex<sup>cy</sup> and Councill will consent to the payment thereof, as fast as the Surpluss Tobacco will Extend the house agree his Matys hon<sup>ble</sup> Councill may be equally allowed.

p. 213 As to the proposall about the Leavy Law.

We do say that we make use of no p<sup>r</sup>sidents in the Lord Baltmores time that in the Assembly held in 1692 in his Ex<sup>cy</sup> Gov<sup>r</sup> Copleys time two of the honble Councill were added to the Committee of Acc<sup>ts</sup> but not admitted being denyed their votes and thereupon did not sitt with the said Committee.

As for the apportioning the publick leavy assessed that assembly they did not Sitt nor were they appointed by the Law therefore, nor ever since till the last Assembly.

The said Gentlemen not being elected or being the representatives of the Country have no right to dispose of the public assessm<sup>t</sup> and if his Ex<sup>cy</sup> and his Matys hon<sup>ble</sup> Councill will not assent to the Laws as proposed, we cannot consent to any alteration.

As to all things that were proposed we Instantly answered them according to the sence of this house thô: p<sup>r</sup>haps not to your Ex<sup>cy</sup>'s Satisfaction yet know not why should we be denyed here on purpose to constraine us to comply with your Ex<sup>cy</sup> in those things which are agreeable to the sense of this house nor for the advantage of the Country.

As to the Acc<sup>ts</sup> in Gov<sup>r</sup> Copley's time.

We do not think it worth our time to look so farr back upon the said acc<sup>ts</sup> not knowing to have Satisfaction for anything amiss therein.

Signed p<sup>r</sup> order

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