

U. H. J. We are good Deal surprized at the Answer you have given to
 Liber No. 35 our Objection to that Part of your Bill relating to the Application
 May 4 of the Sum of £2500 :

By the plain and express Words of the Bill you are appointed the sole Judges of the Allowances to be made to such Persons as have been put to an Expence in providing Necessaries for his Majesty's Troops in their Winter Quarters

You are pleased to assert that you have made the constant and uninterrupted Usage of this Province the sole Rule of your Conduct.

We presume you dont mean that you are by any Law of this Province the sole Judges of all public Allowances, a Clause of the same Nature with this was inserted by the Lower House in a Mony Bill upon a former Occasion, but it was objected to here and amended by substituting the Words General Assembly in the Place of the Words Lower House before it passed into a Law.

p. 315 That Claims of every Denomination against the Public have been laid before considered and adjusted by the Lower House only, we deny and are at a Loss to conceive upon what Foundation you have made this Assertion, many Petitions of Claimants upon the Public have been preferred to the upper House in the first Instance, and many Allowances have been made and insisted upon by the Upper House which the Lower House had not considered, or had rejected & very few Journals of Accounts have passed for many Years back without the Insertion of some Claim which the Lower House had not considered or disallowed before we proposed it.

Tis very true that we have seldom disallowed any Claims you had before admitted your extreme Caution and Frugality in these Matters having generally made it unnecessary, but that we have always had a Power to consider and examine all public Claims when we thought proper can't be disputed and we presume that because your extreme Frugality has made a nice Examination of all the public Accounts unnecessary we ought not therefore in Prudence to put it in your Power to allow or disallow what you please without Controul :

You observe further that the Sanction and Aid of the Legislature must be had in this Instance before the Claimants can be paid their respective Allowances and you intended to send us a Bill for that Purpose as soon as this should pass What you intended to do we did not know but had you executed that Intention where would have been the Difference? could we have dissented to the additional Bill for any thing you might have done in Pursuance of an Authority we had before by the original Bill consented to vest in your House? Could we have said that we would not pass the additional Bill because the Allowance to one was too little or to another too much, when you had been appointed sole Judges of the Quantum? what more then did you intend we should do by your plan than necessarily