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and the Tenants Interest which ought for their mutual Advantage and Benefit to be Inseparably conjoined, and such Jealousies and Suspicions, Dissentions and Annimosities as cited as cant but prove highly Detrimental to his Lordships revenue, discourage the further Settlement of this province, cast an odious Blemish upon the Character of his Government, and depopulate the Country

6.th Because such Bills have passed into Laws in the other Colonies, Particularly in New York Pensilvania and Virginia and the want of such a provision here will deprive this province of the Benefit accruing to the other Colonies from their better Policy in this Article, and the Act of Parliament for naturalizing of Foreign Protestants, for the Situation and Circumstances of the Inhabitants of this Country (except a few Mechanicks, are such that they cant Subsist without the Allowance of Some portion of real Property and as Aliens are not Naturalized by the Statute till after a residence in the Plantations for a Term of years, should there not be that assurance given them here which they have in the other Colonies Arising from Acts of Assembly having a Relation or Retrospect to Confirm their Titles when by the Act of God they may be hindered from Strictly Complying with all the Terms of the Statute it is not reasonably to be expected that any of these Emigrants will settle here

7.th Because the Miscarriage of the Bill in this House may set greedy men upon Disturbing the Possessions of Aliens from an Expectation of the Countenance of the Government and should any of these Alien Inhabitants be hereafter naturalized (which depends upon the Probable Contingency of their Living the Time required by the Statute) they might after being Striped of their Possessions for want of knowledge or ability or a defect of Spirit to defend their Rights recover their Lands against Escheat Patentees from the Legal Operation of their Naturalization, and great oppression Confusion and multiplicity of Law Suits and other Inconveniencies may ensue

8 Because a Law to the effect of the rejected Bill would Advance his Lordships and his Noble Ancestors Laudable endeavours to settle this part of his Majestys Dominions with usefull and industrious Subjects and add great weight to the Late Generous Instructions for the Encouragement of Aliens, but no promise no invitation no proclamation no Instruction will after the Miscarriage of this Bill be regarded but as an engine or Snare to catch and ruin the unwary

9.^{thly} and Lastly because the suggestion is as groundless as the apprehension is Chimerical, that if this Bill were passed into a Law some expressions artificially inserted in it may possibly introduce rule of Determination in the Courts of Law tending to invalidate his Lordships General Right in the matter of Escheats and if there were