

having your Laws as in the State of the Lord Proprietary as they formerly did when the government was administered by his noble Ancestors. The Manner and Method of doing this by the most easy and effectual means is recommended to your Consideration - always with regard to make the Charge as light as possible to the people for the Burden of the Burden of long and frequent Assemblies that I am willing to ease them on my part as to the Charge of the Fees on this occasion.

The experience I have gained since I have lived amongst you has taught me how difficult nay almost impossible it is for you to comply with your Rents in Money Sterling according to the Terms of your Grants from the Lord Proprietary - from the sense of these hardships you were likely to labour under I have in Order to you to be laid the Case before his Lordships Guardian and him selfe their Lordships out of their Tender Consideration of your Circumstances have instructed me to pass an Act (which I may well terme in your favour) if for your whole Rent a Consideration I have never heard was made you before this time.

The methods which their Lordships have prescribed me being too copious to be mentioned here I shall send down to your house for your perusal.

I am not ignorant it is the Interest of some particular (Wrights) Gent to pay their Rents in Money - The Lord Proprietary would be well pleased the Interest was general in this Province, as it is much the greater Number and consequently those that are not the best able to bear this burden that will by this means reap the benefit of my Lord Proprietarys favour and generosity - I hope it will be considered that a Particular ought always to give way to the Publick good. It is therefore of these (Wrights) Gentlemen that I now address myselfe to. Pray remember the Honourable Sir Richard Filmer and Lord Thomas Smith from the Upper House decline Mr. Speaker the paper referred to in his Excellency Speech which is ordered to be entered as follows viz.

A Copy of the Clause mentioned in his Excellency Speech and enclosed from his Lordship to his Excellency.

And for as much by the Enlargement of the Tobacco Pipe from the Gauge of thirty Inches in the Diameter of the head to this present Gauge, Large quantity of Tobacco will be exported in each Pipe whereby the duty and imposition on Tobacco by the Pipe will be evidently retrenched and lessened unless a just regard be had to the preservation of them in their usual worth and value which this present Generall Assembly is highly obliged to the said Proprietor or duty being to be applied and paid to the Lord Proprietary in consideration of his great goodness and Consideration in taking his Alternation fines and Quit Rents in Tobacco at two pence per pound as his noble Ancestors have heretofore done for the greater ease of their Tenants in the payment of their Rents and the better to encourage