

will, upon re-considering that Bill, concur with us, in the reasonableness of our Refusal.

In the first Part of the Preamble, it is set forth, " That it doth not appear to this present General Assembly that there is any Law now in force to raise a sufficient Support for the purpose mentioned in the Bill," in which Assertion we cannot agree with you, and we have the Happiness to be supported in our Opinion by the Words used towards the latter Part of the Preamble of that Bill, wherein it is said, " That it is not the Intention of this Assembly to deprive the Right Honourable the present Lord Proprietary of a sufficient and honourable Support for his Government and Governor for the Time being in and over this Province:" By this it is necessarily implied, that his Lordship has a Right and Title at this Time to such a sufficient and honourable Support as he may be deprived of, this is very true, but contrary to the former Allegation of no Law to raise a sufficient Support, since the perpetual Law of 1704 raises that Support; and further, we apprehend no Power less than a legislative One, can deprive him of that Right which is declared by the Bill not to be the Intention of the Legislators: But be pleased to consider, how well that Declaration, and the Continuance of this Bill for Three Years, agrees with some Arguments in the Preamble fetched from temporary Laws being Enacted, as if such temporary Laws destroyed the perpetual Law of 1704; And as we are inclinable to believe there is no Intention to deprive his Lordship of a sufficient and honourable Support of Government, we cannot think it adviseable by Passing this Bill to afford another Instance of a temporary Law, since such strange Inferences, not warranted by any Rules what ever, are drawn from temporary Laws, and our Conduct in this Matter must appear the more Satisfactory to you, since the grand Reason of that Bill seems only to be, " in order to assert and maintain that principal and most essential Branch of Liberty which the Assembly conceive themselves entitled to as Subjects of *Great Britain*, of not being liable to the Payment of any Money, Tax, Impost or Duty, except such as shall be warranted, raised and assessed by Laws made by themselves and the other Branches of the Legislative Body." If this is the true Motive, and no Intention to deprive his Lordship of the Support of Government, it must be more reasonable and even necessary to make a perpetual rather than a temporary Law, since on the one hand the End proposed of not being liable to any Tax, &c. but such as should be warranted by Laws made by themselves, would in this particular be fully answered, and on the other hand the Intention of not depriving his Lordship of the Support of Government, would be put beyond any possibility