

thy live, but after death their debts can not bee payd, and the children have a litle land left, and must trust to the How! Another sort of people gets an Estate by the rule of right and wronge with an intent to bee gone out of this distracted Country: and thus the poore Country is robbed, cheated by the superiours and inferiours, every one serving their owne turne, without any true feare and worship of God, which denotes that the Country is but in a feeble minority, and onely a good poore man's Country, with their labour for their paines, and therefore wants nurrishinge or els the one will overthrow the other, for what can be expected otherwise then that God will destroy that people that serves Baalam and Belzebub and woolves in sheepes cloaths, tho a great many heas no children for posterity, will you not give som leave to bee Godly minded your hould with that maxim, to keep people in Awe, is to keep them poor, will not houlde longe, nor maintaine the Country, neither is profitable to your reelm of England. Will you overpress poore people in their infancy? This is the way to exasperate men's spirits, to depopulate the Country in stead of increasinge, and iff the proprietary could give us the reall for owr Estates, a great many protestants would leave the Country to him and his papists. Which is the very Neetle the politik compass turns uppon viz. either to turne papists, or to be turned and banished out of the Country in tyme to com by degrees. Which is a miserable extreamity, the poore inhabitants are and see themselves involved viz. with oppression and warr from within, and Hazard of life and Estate by Indians from without. and att hom.

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Wee doe not exclaime against reall and necessary Taxes and Duties, without which the Country can not subsist, but against sutch Fines and leavis that are onely to maintaine my Lord and his Champions in their prince-ship, and not the peoples good nor the Country's welfare.) for now the Country is divided in factions and affections, the papists and other turn-coats sworne for the proprietary vapour and domineere, and those w^{ch} houlds to swear fidelity and alleagiance and suppremacie to the king and kingdom of England onely are clouded under the out cry of ill membres, and handled accordingly.

Consider further, that notwithstanding all the great revenues, taxes and leavys the Country stands & remains still in the same continuall danger and unprovidetnes as before, and worse, especially those that lives on the heads of the Rivers and the Bayes, where the people must worke with their guns in the field with a perpetuall fear, for now the Indians seeinge a 1000 Englishmen not over com a 100 in a cowpenn with stekadoes, when thy were besieged all the winter over, 10. Indians will now scare (a plague a 100) inhabitants in the sumer by