

desired I would, which I did inclosed in a Letter with my observations thereon to your Brother John who lay'd the same before him ; which Letter with the Act satisfy'd him Ipsofacto as to Convicts, no such name being mention'd therein ; therefore he said he would'nt as yet Credit the Duty Levell'd.—It gives me Concern to understand by you, the Naval Officers have follow'd the opinion of the Provincial Lawyers in Levelling the Duty without a Letter of the Act for it, and of which most certainly, will upon Tryal here fall heavy upon them, as within no Intention of the Act, as also will the same upon such Case, for Judgment given by our Provincial Judges with Regard to such Intention ; Such Judgement here will be Judged Extrajudical, and of this M^r Attorney has given me a hint, therefore it much Behoove's all concern'd to have a Care. 'tis truly hard upon the Province that the Scum and Dregs of the People here sent, should be the Cause of Ruin to Honest men there, I will do what I can to keep quiet M^r Stewart But fear it.—This Manifests the danger there is in touching upon Acts of Parliament, and upon which I have observed in my former Letters.

His Lordship is out of Town, as to Col Robert Jenkins Henry, your Appointment of him of the Council of State, you and he may from me rest assured is My Lord's Approbation ; My Compliments attend him wishing him Joy thereof. What can be done with the Hen-Peck'd Darnalls? I've received a Letter from the Attorney too ridiculous to answer, I hope they are not included in His Lordship's Instructions sent you dated the 27th of last October.—To M^r Attorney the Rent Roll keeper will best suit him, if by Law capable to Hold ; upon all Adventures 'tis good Policy to remove him as Attorney General.

I am obliged to you for the return of M^r Young's Bill.—Please to acquaint M^r Calvert and M^r Stewart of their Bills amounting to £50 for M^r Wogan I have, and to whom I certainly will deliver the same. I was in hopes by M^r Calvert's Letter he would have acknowledged the usual Payment to me from his office.

My Lord is obliged to you for your Reduction of the Receipt of His Revenues to Ten p Centum.—The remainder of your Epistles by the first opportunity I will answer.—

N. B. Indeed as to the one pound p head at present Levied by the Provincial Lawyers opinion though not mention'd by the Act of Assembly, It is to be hoped no Harm will happen to the Receipt of it during the Continuance of the Act for five years ; It being particular for raising money for His Majesty's Service. As the Contractors for the transporting of Felons have by Act of Parliament or the Government, a proper Allowance paid