

should be taxed by Assessors elected by & from among the people who may not always be upright & impartial Men, but that as the Contents of His Ldp's Mannours & Demised Lands were or would be certainly known there could be no room for iniquitous Estimations or unequal Assessments. As these Arguments did not appear to be without Weight, in Obedience to one of His Ldps Instructions I heard all the Gentlemen give their reasons in support of their respective Opinions, & as they were all unanimous that my rejecting the Bill on Acco^t of the Land Tax would in reality be exceedingly prejudicial to His Lordship's Interest, & as they all with one Voice advised & pressed me not to refuse the Bill as it was agreed on by both Houses but to assent thereto, I was prevailed on to pass it into a Law & hope that in doing so I shall not expose myself to His Ldp's Displeasure, but that my Conduct therein will meet with His Ldp's & your Approbation. As I shall in a seperate paper observe on every part of the Law & transmit such paper of Remarks together with this I shall in my Letter take no farther notice thereof but proceed to explain a little my Speech to the Assembly at their Prorogation. You know that during M^r Ogles Gov^t before he was recalled a Faction sprung up in the province that has in some measure existed even to this time. In what manner the Govern^t was attacked in 1739 & what methods were then & have been since taken to persuade the people that the Duties of 14^d p Tonn & 1/ p Hhd have been & are still raised illegally you are not ignorant; Attempts I am told have been lately made by some to get a Subscription for the Support of an Agent to bring these matters to a Hearing before His Majesty in Council, & to those Attempts I alluded in the latter part of my Speech; I hope it will put an entire Stop to every Proceeding of that Sort but lest it should not I have got made by my Secretary a full & particular State or historical Account of all the Revenue Laws that have from time to time been made for the Support of Govern^t to enable him to do this he had free Access to & leave to peruse & examine all the Record Books & Journals of the Upper & Lower Houses as well as the Councils proceedings & I think according to the Extracts or Quotations from them respectively & very natural Reasoning thereon His Ldp has as clear inviolable & indisputable a Title & Right to all the Monies that he receives as any Person can possibly have to receive the Rents or Income of any Paternal or purchased Estate. I cannot help thinking that if the abovementioned Account or State was to be laid before the Lower House the most seditious & malevolent would be silenced & ashamed to open their Mouths again on that Subject, for if the Quotations are fair & exact the Reas-

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