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of the Bills of Credit in Circulation here & emitted since the year 1749, of their real Value at different periods & of the Funds appropriated to sink them I now send an answer to Their Ldps Letter & also a Copy thereof for your perusal by which you will see that unless some unexpected & very extraordinary Accident happens to prevent it all our paper Money will be certainly sunk in Octob^r next & a considerable Surplus in Species be left in the Office ready to be applied towards discharging the publick Debt or for any other use which the Legislature might think proper; As the Trustees have not transmitted an Account of their Transactions this Spring which surely they ought to have done the Term being so nearly elapsed I wish you would give M^r Hunt or Mess^{rs} Hanbury a Hint to send in their Acco^t against the next Meeting of our Assembly who will be anxious to know what Stock has been purchased on Acco^t of the Province down to this time. As I am inclined to think that the Trade of these Colonies must flag much from the Want of paper Currency I could wish the Legislature of Great Britain had not thought it necessary to prohibit absolutely any more Emissions, but at the same time it must be allowed that too much Reason has been given by Virginia & some other Colonies for such an Act & indeed unless the Paper Money can be fixed at a certain & invariable Value I think it must be best or at least most just to have none at all emitted. As I did in the Answers I sometime ago sent you to the queries inserted in the public Ledger relative to the Constitution of this Province give my Sentiments at large concerning the Judges of our Provincial Court; it would be unnecessary to remark on that part of your Letter which relates to them, & if you approve of M^r Brice's resigning the Clerkship of this County in favour of his Son the Impropriety you yourself mention will be almost removed for M^r Darnall will then be the only County Clerk in the Provincial Commission, & in whatever Light any Enemy to a Proprietary Govern^t might represent our supreme Court of Judicature I am persuaded no accusations can be brought against our Judges that Those in other Colonies are not equally liable to. However M^r Dulany or any One else might have blamed the Conduct of the Upper House last Session in proposing the short Amendment to the Bill that was offered for recording Conveyances I am clearly of your opinion that as the Amendment was equitable it ought to be insisted on for tho a Party refusing to pay the Alienation Fine might even after such a Bill had passed have been compelled by the Chancery Court yet I am sensible that on a Determination of that sort it might have been easy for an ill disposed Lawyer or two of the patriot or Anti-Government Stamp to persuade their Depend