

Letter Bk.IV Act of Parliament prohibits the Colony Legislatures from making any Bills of Credit to be by them hereafter issued a legal Tender It was not proposed to insert any Clause that should make Ours a Tender in any payment whatever but as they would have the same Bottom that the Bank Bills have in England (the Fund on which they would be issued being Bank-Stock more than equal to the nominal Value of the Bills proposed to be issued here) it could scarcely be doubted but they would support their own Credit, & indeed all the principal people here, the Members of the two Houses & all the Merchants would have been glad to receive such Bills according to their nominal Value had an Act pass't for making the Emission. The Reason I am so particular in giving you an Account of what was proposed or talked of is that you may submit the same to His Ldp's Consideration & advise me of His Sentiments which I beg the favour of you to do as soon as possible for I make no doubt but that as soon as the Dispute about the passage of the Journal can be got over the Assembly will be for carrying the Scheme into Execution & for my own Part I see no Objection thereto, but am of Opinion that an Emission of Bills of Credit on such a Bottom would at this time be productive of many Advantages to the Province & not likely to be prejudicial to any one. We should for the purposes of Trade &c have the use of the whole Sum which the Province has now a Right to draw out of the Bank, & at the same time the Province would gain the Dividends of Interest that should become due on such Sum in the Term of Ten years. I have said above that for my own part I see no Objection to the Scheme but as I have heard it said that Col^o Lloyd seem'd apprehensive that the Emission of Paper Money might be a means of the little Specie now in Circulation here being carried out of the Country I shall in Answer to that Objection should it be made tho I cant suppose it will just observe that the Plenty or Scarcety of Specie here depends upon this whether upon the Whole the Ballance of Trade is or is not against us for if we import more than our Exports will pay for whether we have Paper Money or not we must necessarily be drained of our Specie to pay the Ballance till none remains, & if on the Contrary our Exports will do more than pay for the Goods we import the Ballance will be brought us in Specie. I have already hinted that there was a Dispute this Session between the two Houses about the Passage of the Journal which was not terminated & indeed I know not when it will for the two Houses seem to entertain very different Sentiments with respect to the Point that prevents its passing, I mean whether the Clerk of the Council shall be therein allowed his usual Salary or not & have taken their