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The Gov^{ts} of the prop^{ty} and charter Governm^{ts} are Generally not qualified by taking the Oaths required by law nor have they his Mat^{ys} approbation according to the Act of Trade and more particularly the late Acts for preventing frauds and regulateing abuses in the plantacōn trade.

They assumed to themselves a power to make Laws contrary and repugnant to the Laws of England and prejudiciall to our trade.

Some of them have refused to send hither such Laws as they enact, some neglect to doe it and others have sent the Laws being imperfect.

Divers of them have refused appeales to his Mat^{ty} and Councill by which the Inhabitants of those Collonyes are deprived of the benefitt allowed in the plantacōns under his Mat^{ys} Government, and the party's aggrieved are left without remedy from the Arbitrary and illegall proceedings of their Courts.

Those proprietary Collonys are the Ordinary refuge and retreat of Pyrats and illegall traders.

By raising and Lowering their Coyne from time to time (as may be for their perticular advantage) the prejudice other Collonyes receive in drawing away their money and likewise drawing away their Servants and people and harbour ffugitives.

They Employ themselves to improvements of Woolen and other manufactures and products of England which they carry directly to forreigne parts and more especially to the Spanish Indies.

And they furnish themselves with all sorts of European comoditys from forreigne parts to the Great prejudice of the Interest of this Kingdome.

They doe not putt themselves in a state of Defence by haveing any Regular Malitia, Arms or Amunicōn, some of them are in a State of Anarchy and Confusion.

Which being read the house pceeds to debate the same.

And as to the first and second observacōn wherein it's said they assumed to themselves the power to make laws, and such as they enacted they refuse to send home.

This house say they know no such thing.

3^{rdly} Relateing to appeales &^{ca} It is acknowledged by this house that in the time of the Proprietary Governm^t here appeales for England have been denied.

4^{ly} As to Pyrats and illegall Traders &c: This house say they never knew of any to be harboured or favoured in this province.

5^{thly} As to the Article relateing to Raiseing and Lowering of Coyne.