

P. R. O. the Assembly made An Act to punish Such like Offenders, & the Utterers of Such false moneys. And since Money is become so absolutely necessary Wee earnestly begg her Gracious Ma^{tye} the Queene, will be pleased to intrust Us with a Species of small Copper Coyne, as by our Address Wee have pray'd.

My Lords I thinke it highly necessary to represent unto your Lordps that there are two Gentlemen comissionated and Stiled her Ma^{tys} Receivers within this Province the one George Plater Esq^r for the District of Puttexas and the other George Muschamp Esq^r for the District of Potomeck, through M^r Platers hands considerable Sumes of money pass yearly; but through the other M^r Muschamps very little, his Collection of the 3^d p^h for which he is accountable for Severall years has not amounted to above thirty odd pounds p^a Annum, & yet he as well as the other Receiver have each a Salary allotted of one hundred pounds p^a Annum which they are authorised to take out of the fynes and forfeitures within this Government, which for many years will not halfe pay them, So that these Gentlemen seeme much dissatisfyed thō I thinke M^r Muschamp has little reason, his Office being needless, and might well be supply'd by the other Receiver, without any further Sallary.

I have Sent a Sloope well mann'd to North Carolina to demand Some persons who have fledd hence from Iustice, and to learne what Law is made there to harbour others from paying their just Debts, which has occasioned great Numbers to flye from this Province thither to the great Detriment of Merchants in England & cheating the honest well meaning people of this Country for if they have as I am informed made a law there, to protect any person from being sued during five Years It will give an handle to many knavish people to gaine large Creditts and run thither to defraude their just Creditors, and not only to tend the lessening the Number of taxable persons here, but to the depopulating her Ma^{tys} more usefull adjacent Colonys, & Plantations. And now as our poverty increases So fresh Villanys are carried on intirely to Subvert the Government; When I have their answer I will transmitt it to Your hon^{ble} Boarde, and doubt not, but your Lordps will find out an Expedient to have this pernicious practice Stopt, otherwise many persons will go to North Carolina and her Ma^{tys} Revenue hence be Suncke to a Scantling. The generality of the people in this Province have good tracts of Land and Stocks of Cattle and hoggs; but being in debt to the Merch^{ts} Consignees in England, they Send them little or no goods at all, most of the Shippes coming from London upon freight, in their Bal-