

purpose, His Lord^p requires y^r Examination into the above matter of complaint & that such redress be had & given as is Equitable & just & that for the future all real proceedings concerning such conduct be stop'd in Justice of the copies of the several Acts that were made between 1638 & 1662 for the Defence of the Province &c^a transmitted by you & as to the Note The Act for Customs made in 1646 is not on Record in the Province if not there I find it not here at present By observation in Several Acts which were made after this time Viz. in 1676 & in 1678 by Minits you transmit, the Act of 1649 concerning the Levying War within this Province was Reserved to as being then in force, His Lord^p rests on the Stability of the Act of 1649 his Exemption of all Tax on his Estate as Lord Proprietor of the Province towards defraying the Expence of any War is still in force Notwithstanding the Gen^l Repealing Act of King William who took the Government of the Province into his own hands yet in that Act there is a proviso saving to all & every Person or Persons whatsoever was & is his or their Rights & Benefits which he or they had by the former Acts of Assembly By which Reserve he rests his Exemption by Virtue of the Act in 1649 And altho' his Lord^p has Voluntarily Submitted to Taxation in some particular for his Majesty's service it cant from thence be presumed either in Law Equity or com^on sence that he has excluded himself of the firmness of the Act of 1649 as to his Exemption & he will abide by the Act of 1649 & the Authenticity thereof certified by a true Copy of the said Act on Record signed John Ross Cl. Con: & by Y^r Testimony of the great Seal of the Province transmitted by you; And 'tis Explanatory, the Act of customs in 1646 whereby the then Lord Proprietor undertook the charge of Government in War & Peace by the Act in 1650 Entituled An Act concerning levying War in this Province, in the last Clause is to be levyed upon the Province by an Equal Assessment upon the Persons & Estates of the Inhabitants thereof the Repealing Act of Customs in 1661 confirms the said charge as to the Lord Proprietor repealed for ever & is a Reserve to the Act in 1649 then in force & w^h is also confirmed by the Act in 1650 the Acts certified by J Ross C^l Con^l & under Y^r Authenticity concern^s the said Acts Copies taken, & transmitted by you. I have not been able as yet to obtain from M^r Hunt his Acco^t of disbursements of the Money that has been return'd him & his Colleague Trustees by the Provincial Naval Officers on Acco^t of the Paper curr^y Act since the Mess^{rs} Hanbury Appointm^t with him I have pressed them to lay out the Money in hand