

“Lawyers and Officers fees &c. in the Provincial Current  
“Money ie, Paper Money rating Tobacco at 12/6 p Centum”

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Had the Act proceeded no farther with regard to Money Payments they might have been exacted in Paper Money But the Act afterwards directs that Dollars shall be received at the rate or in lieu of 7/6 Paper Money if offered in Payment, by which Regulation the Proportion only between Silver and Paper Currency is ascertained (as to the Payments to be made under the Act and in no other respect) But Dollars as a Silver Currency are Still left to the Settlement of the Statute, and as the Inspection Act (as has been said) had it directed that 9/4 Silver or 12/6 Paper Currency should be received in lieu of 100<sup>wt</sup> Tobacco from those who should not make Tobacco would not have contravened the Statute; so we Conceive that the Clause is not repugnant to the Act in Settling the Proportion between Silver and Paper Currency there being no real difference between the Expressions “9/4 Silver or 12/6 Paper Currency may be paid in discharge of 100<sup>wt</sup> Tobacco” and 12/6 may be paid in discharge of 100<sup>wt</sup> Tobacco and 9/4 Silver Currency in lieu of 12/6 Paper Currency, which is all the Regulation of the Act in regard to Foreign Silver Coins.

As your Lordships Second objection that the Act gives a Currency to foreign Coins We must beg leave to observe to your Lordship that the most Valuable part of the Foreign Coins in Circulation in America are either regulated by Provincial Laws, or the Consent of the People, to which they have been Induced by the intrinsick Value of them, the Proclamation and Statute of the late Queen relating only to foreign Silver Coins, before the Act of Assembly for Emitting of Paper Money, which passed by the authority of the Provincial Legislature, we had very little other Money than Foreign Coins in Circulation, and untill an unfair use of these Monies was made the Crown did not with regard to any of them interpose by Proclamation. Paper Money has obtained a Currency with us without any Concurrence or Interposition of the Crown. An Act of Assembly was made in this Province in the year 1708 when the immediate Government was in the Crown, and Subsequent to the Statute “entituled an Act for Settling the Rates of foreign Silver Coins within this Province” By which the Coin called Dog Dollars was made Current in all Payments at 4/6, with the Assent of Queen Ann, and we humbly hope that as to such of the Foreign Coins mentioned in the Inspection Act which are not Specified in the Queens Proclamation, the Act will not be Construed a violation or Infringment of the Royal