

Lib. J. R. Clergys dues Officers fees &c. in the Provincial Current
 & U. S. Money rating Tobacco at 12/6 p Centum. As the object of
 this Part of the Act was the Diminution of the Quantity of
 Tobacco and thereby to Advance the Price of what should
 p. 53 be sent to Markett, it is not quite Foreign to that part of the
 Title of the Act for amending the Staple, and as the accus-
 tomed method of taxing and Charging Clergys dues &c. has
 been in Tobacco because the most convenient to the Planters
 who are the Bulk of the People but yet would be inconvenient
 to Farmers and others not engaged in the Culture of Tobacco,
 The Liberty was given to the Farmers &c. to pay off the
 charges in Tobacco with Money, and in this Light the Clause
 appears to have some Correspondence with the Title of the
 Act for the Limitation of Officers fees, and the Clause regu-
 lating foreign Coins, giving Ease and Indulgence to the Farm-
 ers by allowing them the Alternative of paying Gold and
 Silver or Paper Currency, has the same Relation to the Title
 of the Act for amending the Staple, and Limitation of Offi-
 cers fees. It seems not immaterial to observe to your Lord-
 ship that Tobacco Answers the Purposes of Money, and in
 many parts of the Province is the Common Medium, Debts
 are Contracted in Tobacco and bear an Interest of 8 p
 Centum. Our Tobacco being thus considered in these two re-
 spects as a Commodity and a Medium, when it came to be
 regulated by an Act required different and apparently inde-
 pendent regulations, and those of necessity for it could not
 be exclusively and properly affected as a Commodity or a
 Medium

We beg leave further to observe to your Lordship that in
 all or most of the Colonies within his Majestys American
 Dominions a Rate is Settled between Foreign Coins and the
 Provincial Currency, either by the Consent of the People, or
 express Laws, and if Silver or Gold Currency could not be
 received in this Province in lieu of Paper Money, but at a
 Par we should have very little left in a short time, and it
 would be very difficult if not impossible to carry on any Sort
 of Trade to Advantage with any other of his Majestys Ameri-
 can Colonies.

As to your Lordships fifth objection that the Act is an
 Infringement of your Lordships Prerogative in the Limita-
 tion of Officers fees, and the necessity & Reasonableness of
 the Limitation does not appear

We beg leave humbly to observe to your Lordship that we
 do not Conceive your Lordships Prerogative can in any Sort
 be impeached by the Passing of this Law with your Lordships
 Assent. There have been many Acts at different Periods for