

U. H. J. have induced your Hon^{rs} to think with good Reasons that tho' Acts were formerly made to support your claims but are since Repealed, and others made in their Stead, that do not support them, one of which is the Act for the Imposition of four pence p Gallon on Liquors; your Claims can be no way Supported now by the Acts that are Long since Repealed tho' once in force; and whether this Allowance be now your Due is the Question and we Cannot conceive but it looks somewhat like a manner of treating us unworthy of Your House, to intimate by your Message, that because an Act still subsists for laying Impositions on Liquor which makes no manner of Allowance to you nor mencon of your Claims, that you are pleased in your Message to call that a Continuation of the same Act that had a Paragraph to favor your Claims which rather seems to be to lead us into wrong notions of those Acts than to Clear up the Truth. We hope therefore as there is now no Law in force to Support your Claim, Your Claim is not now supported by Law, as you by that manner of wording your Message are pleased to Insinuate. We cannot think Your Hon^{rs} have Cause to charge us with being in the least partially prejudiced in this Dispute, which you plainly do by saying we seem resolved not to regard the Laws and reasonable Customs you produce to support your Claims.

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The Laws we don't Regard because, as we have before said, they are repealed; and the Reasons to support your Custom we disregard, because, by the Laws now in Force, we find, there are other moneys raised for the support of Governm^t that is not particularly applied, by the Act that raises it, for the support of Governm^t which says that 12 pence of the 15 pence p hhd, raised for the Support of Governm^t should be applied towards the maintaining the Station and Dignity of his Ldp's Lieut Governour actually residing within this province, and to such other necessary uses tow^{ds} the support and Defence of the L^d Proprietary's Governm^t of this Province as in his Ldp's wisdom to him shall seem meete. Y^r Hon^{rs} may please to Remember that by all the Old Laws, that mention the Support of Governm^t you are included as a part of what is to be supported thereby; The money raised is to be Applied as to his Ldp seems meet. His Ldp best knows of what Value and Esteem your Service is to him. If his Ldp thinks he can apply it to more Advantage for the support of Government or that he had rather want your Assistance than Apply it that way we are obliged to Submit to his Lordship therein so as that it be Really applied to the support of Governm^t But as there is Sufficient raised for the support of Government, and that the Act for directing the manner of Electing and Summoning Delegates &c^a does say your Hon^{rs}

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