

- L. H. J. Law lately made without having regard to severall Laws intervening relating to the same duty, but under different applications, must certainly be an erroneous Way of Proceeding. We therefore take the Liberty in the best manner We can to State the Case as We conceive it to be, as folows Viz. the Law made in the year 1670/1 first rais'd the one Shilling p^r hh^d payable to the Lord Prop^{ry} for the Support of Government and for the payment of Sallaries to the Councill & for maintaining a Magazine in this Province which Law Stood Continued from Time to Time till the Year 1692 when the Government was under the Administration of the Crown, and then a Law was made for raising fourteen pence p^r Ton on all such Ships or Vessells Trading Within this Province out of Which a standing Sallary of Thirty pounds p^r annum was to be Allowed to all such Counsellours as did not hold any place of profit in the Government; and likewise another Law for raiseing the one Shilling p^r hh^d af^d and applying it to other uses in the Government. For it would not be supposed that any part of it was intended for the Support of the Councill when they were provided for by another Law; but upon the makeing of the Law for applying the fourteen pence p^r Ton Toward the Support of the Councill, and for defraying other Charges in Government my Lord Prop^{ry} who knew he had a right to the fourteen pence p^r Ton by his Prerogative (as we are informed) Applied himself to the King and Councill in England and procured an Order to have the fourteen pence p^r Ton restored to him Again & has ever since recovered it to his own proper use by which means the Councill became destitute of any Allowance, the one shilling p^r hh^d being before applied Another way, as has been before observed. Upon this the Legislature took their Case into Consideration & made them an Allowance in the Publick Levy which has been done annually ever since for above thirty years past and the one shilling p^r hh^d was annually apply'd to Other uses in The Government According to the Directions in the Law made in 1692 af^d and Other Laws to the same purpose untill the year 1715 after the Government was again restored to the Lord Prop^{ry} in which Year an Act of Assembly was again made which advanced the af^d one shilling p^r hh^d to fifteen pence p^r hh^d Three pence of it to be applied towards the Support of a Magazine and the other Twelve pence to the then Governour for his own proper use. Thus the one Shilling p^r hh^d was applied solely for the Support of a Governour & only thought sufficient for that purpose Exclusive of any Other Application, but the Lord Prop^{ry} after some time being dissatisfied that the Sallary of his Governour should be paid to himself, independent of his Lord^{pp} & Knowing the ill Consequences that