L.H.J. Acts were formerly made to Support your Claims, but are Since repealed and Others made in their Stead that do not Support them, one of which is the Act for Imposition of four pence p Gallon on Liquors, Your Claims Can be no ways Supported now by the Acts that are Long since repealed tho once in force, and whether this Allowance be now your due is the Question and We cant but Conceive it Looks some what Like a manner of treating us, Unworthy of your House to

p. 99 Insinuate by your Message That because an Act still Subsists for Laying Impositions on Liquors which [makes] no manner of Allowance to you nor mention of your Claim, that you are pleas'd in your Message to Call that a Continuation of the same Act that had a paragraph to favour 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 pleasd to Insinuate We cannot think your Honours 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.

The Laws we Don't regard, because as we have before said they are repealed and the reasons to Support your Custom we disregard, because by the Laws now in force, we find there [are] other moneys rais'd for the Support of Government that is not particularly [applied] by the Act that raises it for the support of Government which Says twelve pence of the fifteen pence p hhd rais'd for the Support of Government should be Applyed towards the maintaining the Station and Dignity of his Lordships Lieutenant Governour Actually resideing within this province and to such Other Necessary uses towards the support and Defence of the Lord Proprietary Government of the province as in his Lordships Wisdom to him shall seem meet Your Honours May please to remember that by all the Old Laws that mention the Support of Government you are Included as a part of what is to be Supported thereby; the money rais'd is to be Applyed as to his Lordship seems meet; his Lordship best knows of what Value and Esteem your Service is to him; if his Lordship 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 Applyed to the Support of Government. But as there is Sufficient rais'd for the Support of Government And that the Act for the directing the manner of Electing and Summoning Delegates &c Does say your Honours shall