

Tenants and then we hope Your Lordship will not Suffer L. H. J. any Alterations to be made by the opinions or Resolutions of others.

12 We are glad to find Your Lordship has taken Notice of our Debates Concerning the Allowance Claim'd by Your Lordship's Council of State. If on our Side of the Argument Moderation was Wanting, Yet we hope Your Lordship found good Reason there: for we therein agreed as we do now that they deserve their Reward; But for that Ample Provision was made by the Act that Rais'd the Twelve Pence p hhd and as it was annually Rais'd by that duty it ought not to be annually Levy'd by poll tax againe upon the People. Your Lordship is pleas'd to mention that act as Raising the Twelve pence p hhgd towards the Maintaining the Dignity and Station of Your Lieut Governour, and for such other uses as to you should seem meet, But now we begg Your Lordship to be Inform'd, that the Act it Self Mentions it otherwise Viz: That in the Absence of the Lord Proprietary himself out of this province one Shilling &c: to be applyed towards the maintaining the Station and Dignity of his Lordships Liev^t Governour Actually Inhabiting and Residing within this province and to such other Necessary Uses towards the Support and Defence of the Lord Proprietary's Government of this Province, as In his Lordship's Wisdom to him shall seem meet. If therefore your Lordship pleases to deduct the present Support You allow Your Liev^t here from the Totall amount of that Duty Annually, Your Lordship will Undoubtedly Find a Large Residue, which in our humble Opinion ought by the Express terms of the Act to be apply'd to other Necessary Uses of Government; and by Comparing this paragraph with the Next paragraph before it in the Act, Your Lordship will find the Intent of the act plain, that no part of it was Intended for Your Lordships Private use, and we know not how 'tis otherwise apply'd, tho we hope your Lordship will allow it to be our Right and Duty to Enquire into the Applications of all Sums that are tax'd upon us.

Your Lordship Rightly observes that at the making the Act it was not so much as surmis'd that their (the Counselors) support should Come from you. The Support we speak of do's not come from You but from the Country on whom tis Rais'd, and as for any Reasons that might have mov'd your Lordship to Dissent to that act, they Rest with Your Lordship But if your Lordship had Dissented to it, we should have born it patiently, on the Consolation of our having acted like Loyall Hearty Subjects, that had Offered to Raise an honourable and plentiful Revenue for the Support of the Government we liv'd under, but that it was Rejected. This