

U. H. J. Protestants should be secured from being educated in the Romish Religion, so it is therein provided that Children whose fathers were of the Communion of the Church of England, should be instructed in the Doctrine and Principles of that Church, which We conceive to be sufficient.

The fifth Amendment proposed by your Honours Viz. To apply the fine to the support of Government & not to defray the County Charge. This house cannot agree to, because the Government is handsomely & liberally supported at the Expence of the Country, upon all Extraordinary as well as Ordinary Occasions. That the Taxes which the People we represent, pay, are greater than any other of Our fellow Subjects upon the Continent (who live in Peace) are burthened with; And that it is not improbable that if the fines were to be appropriated to the support of Government, they would be generally remitted to the Offending Officer, which cannot be done, when they are to be applyed as in the bill, and therefore such Application will best answer the design of the Legislature in imposing the fine, which Reasons (tis conceiv'd) will reach all the Amendments Your Honours have proposed concerning the Application of the fines to the Support of Government.

The Seventh Amendment your Honours propose This House cannot agree to because We conceive the Bill is much better as it is, than it would be, with the Alterations your Honours desire, & that the allowing Eight p Cent to Executors & Adm^{rs} upon the whole Account of all deceased Person's Estates, would be injurious to their Creditors & Representatives & in it self manifestly unjust

The Eighth Amendment you propose We cannot agree to because an Estate of the Value of Twenty pounds Current money (which may happen to be all that a Widow & several small and helpless Children may have to support them) is too inconsiderable to allow of any deduction for Commissary Generals fees

The Ninth Amendment this house agrees to & hath amended the bill accordingly

p. 41 The Eleventh Amendment proposed by your Honours Viz. To restrain the Deputy Commissary from passing any Account exceeding fifty pounds Curr^t money We cannot agree to, because a great many infirm as well as poor People who live in the remote parts of the Province cannot possibly come to Annapolis to pass their Accounts, which is known to have very often been the Case, 'tis true Commissions have always issued in such Cases to the Deputy Commissarys, or some other Persons (not more Skilful) to pass the Account of such Executors or Administrators, which Commissions (altho they increased the Commissarys fees) yet never could (as We conceive) improve the Understanding of the Deputy Commissary or make him more expert in Business or more Capable to pass an Account than he would be if he was Empowered by Act of As-