

sembly to pass it; that the proposed Restraint cannot possibly be of any Advantage to any One Person in the Province, except the Commissary General, whose Interest (We conceive) ought not to stand in Competition with that of a whole Country: Besides the Restraint will appear to be altogether unnecessary, when it is considered that the Commissary General his passing an Account does not conclude a Representative or Creditor, any more than it would, if it were past by a Deputy Commissary: And the Deputy Commissary may probably (by Reason of his nearness to & Acquaintance with the People he has to do with) discover some frauds & Abuses in Exec^{ts} or Adm^{ts} or pretended Creditors, which may be easily concealed from the Commissary General who is for the most Part a Stranger to the People

U. H. J.

As to the thirteenth Amendment. This house agrees to the Transposition of the Word, Only, as proposed by your honours, & also to the fourteenth Amendment, & amended the bill accordingly

The fifteenth Amendment proposed by your Honours viz. To leave out for the Support of Government, or to which any Orphan or Minor shall be entitled, This House cannot agree to, because We conceive an Alteration from the former Act of Assembly (which excepted Debts due to his Majesty in General Terms) is absolutely necessary, for all Obligations past to his Majesty, altho in Trust only for the Subject, or to his Lordship, may in Strictness be termed Debts due to his Majesty, or the Lord Proprietary, & yet that such debts ought not in Reason or Justice (as We conceive) to have any Preference in payment to Debts on Obligations payable to the Creditor himself, & that Officers bonds lying out (as they must always do) ought not to be made Use of, to furnish a dishonest Executor or Administrator with a Pretence to delay the payment of a Debt justly due to an honest Creditor, which has often been the Case

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The Sixteenth Amendment viz. Ten p Cent &c, to be left out We this house cannot agree to for the Reasons already mentioned

The Seventeenth Amendment proposed by your Honours viz. To leave out Deputy Commissary; This house cannot agree to, because that unless the Deputy Commissary is empowered to take Examinations concerning the Concealments of the Estates of deceased Persons, Several such Concealments will pass undiscovered, and (we conceive) that the Provision by this Bill to Enable the Deputy Commissary to make the necessary Enquiry, & take the proper Examinations will be as effectual to that purpose, as any Directions from the Commissary General (as a former Act directed) can be

The Eighteenth Amendment proposed by your Honours viz. To leave out the Clause relating to the Commissary General's giving Security: This house cannot agree to because 'tis as reasonable