

U. H. J. matter we doubt not you Imputed our making Use of such Argu-
 No. 734 ments rather to our Good nature than our Weakness And therefore
 we might have expected a like Return of Goodness from you in
 pointing out to us particularly what Force those Arguments had to
 persuade you of the Justice of your Proceeding, Especially since by
 that means We might perhaps have been also Convinced of the same
 thing, But as you have not been Pleased to Vouchsafe to us that
 Satisfaction We must Conclude that you are unwilling or Unable to
 sett us right

You indeed deny his Lordships right of Levying money by Vir-
 tue of the Act of 1704 But as we Cannot be convinced barely by the
 Authority of such a Denyall without some Reasons to inforce it we
 are still of Opinion that His Lordship has such Right, by that Law
 of 1704 which as you very truly Insinuate is not repealed And al-
 though you will not Agree with us as to the right yet you very
 Candidly Admit His Lordship has been in Possession of a Support
 of Government ever since the year 1733 If that is his Lordships
 Case as you say it is, We are at a Loss to know How you can be said
 to be Attacked on the Contrary, not only We, But even you and the
 rest of the World must say That the Government Confessedly in
 Possession of a Support is Attacked in Order to Deprive them
 of it

We should not be less Pleased to be Convinced than to Convince,
 And we are Assured you would not have been at a Loss to show the
 same Terms of appropriation and uses in other Laws as were incerted
 in the Bill for raising and Annual Revenue &c. if there had been any
 such

We must Acknowledge Ourselves greatly Mistaken in what Con-
 cerns His Majestys other Plantations if the Doctrine of Raising
 money by perpetual Laws Is so Harsh as you are Pleased to Repre-
 sent it But the Perpetual Law Amongst Our Neighbours in the
 Colony of Virginia for the Support of that Government the late
 Perpetual Law of 1692 and the Present of 1704 in this Province for
 the same Purpose As also the frequent Royal Instructions requiring
 the same in other Plantations satisfy us that the mention of such
 p. 49 Laws is not only usual to English Ears but Agreeable to His Majestys
 Pleasure

The Bill Intituled an Act to raise a Fund to be Applied for the
 Payment of an Agent and other necessary Uses of this Province
 which you were Pleased to send to us We now return with our
 negative to it, For However necessary and convenient it may be
 that there should be an Agent at the Imperial Seat, or (If we may
 be Permitted to say) at the Court, of Great Britain, yet We cannot
 but think it reasonable and Decent that the Concurrence of the Gov-
 ernor and Upper House should be made necessary in the Nomina-
 tion and Appointment of the Person Designed for that Employment.