

The Agents on Behalf of other Plantations are Generally nominated by the Legislature or Governm<sup>t</sup> But This Bill strikes Out of the common Road and by an Unaccountable Piece of Policy not only places the Power of such nomination in certain Persons to be Appointed by the House of Delegates and to be Called Trustees But also gives to such Trustees The sole authority of Paying such Agent so that if This Bill should be passed into a Law such An Agent could not be so properly stiled the Agent of the Province, as the Minister of the Trustees for he must depend on their sole Will and Pleasure for his Being and Continuance in the Agency and on their Generosity for his Pay

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As to the Trustees the very nature of their Power would Change their name or Title of Trustees into that of Guardians and what relative Term would best suit not only the Legislative Power but the whole Province to answer that of Guardian We shall not Presume to mention But there might be reason to Wish (If such a Bill should be a Law) That the Conduct of such Trustees represented by their Minister at the Court of Great Britain and not Unarmed (as you are Pleased to Express Yourselves in your Message) with that Fund might not deserve a Worse Character and more to the Reproach of their Constituents and Danger of the whole Province than that of Guardianship Although a Prettier Scheme for Power and Profit in our little World of Politicks could Hardly be thought of yet far be it from us to Imagine that any Persons Either in or out of Your House had any share in this Admirable Project with a View of being Trustees; shoud this Ingenious Contrivance ever take effect the Trustees might play the Game into each others Hands and represent each other in England

The Authority which they would Gain by their Ministers Complaints in England against whatever Person or thing they pleased might very soon become Terrible and Dangerous to every Person they should be Pleased to think and stigmatize as Delinquents or Malig-nants in this Province And when after Glutting their Vanity with a Dictatoriall Power and filling their Pockets with Money under Pre-tence of necessary uses and Purposes, They should Perceive an Ap-proaching Period to their Greatness of Authority and Gain They might by their Ministers Consent Employ their Power and the money Intrusted with them to their own Private Advantage and the very Great Prejudice of this Province Instances of this Kind have not been Wanting in America

We could Suggest many other Reasons Against this Bill But we Doubt not, what we have Already said will be Sufficient to convince you of the necessity and Justice of Our Resolution not to pass it And we are so little Apprehensive of what the World can say to Our Disadvantage in this particular that we shall think it an Honour Done us to Have it known by printing the Bill with this Message

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