

Thirdly let us Examine how they might Compliment each other out of this Fund without ever being Accountable for any Imbezzlement or Misapplication. The Six Pence ꝑ hhd intended to be raised by this Bill may be Calculated to amount Communibus Annis to 700 £ Sterling ꝑ annum The Sallary formerly allowed by this Province to an Agent Used to be 100 £ sterling ꝑ Annum but suppose this to be increased to 150 £ or 200 £ Sterling ꝑ Annum there would then remain 500 £ or 600 £ Sterling ꝑ Annum and in the whole three years 1500 or 1800 £ Sterling in their Hands or Power which they might dispose of to such Uses and Purposes as they might from time to time think necessary so that Whether they Applied it to the Use and Service of the Province or to their own use which they might Judge necessary They could not be Accountable for more than they might think fit to Give their Agent For if they should have been Questioned upon Laying their Account before the House of Delegates what they had done with the Money they might truly say that the Law was very Express that they should have Liberty of Applying the Money to such uses and Purposes as they Judged Necessary which they had Accordingly done and that they and none other were the Proper Judges of the Necessity of such Uses and Purposes Besides the Bill is so drawn in other Parts which relates to the Accounting That by no Rules of Construction the Trustees could have been Answerable for that money But what we have said is Sufficient for the Present purpose

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Hence you and the rest of the World may now Judge who Acted with a Proper Care in the Disposall of the Countrys Money you who Voted for so large a Sterling Sum Annually as 500 or 600 £ Sterling ꝑ Annum for the three Years to be disposed of by certain Persons called Trustees as they should think fit or We who neither then Would nor now will concur in such a Vote and it would have been more than probable if that Bill had Passed into a Law that the People would very soon have had Cause to Acknowledge it could not have been more Inconvenient to Commit this Trusteeship or Guardianship (If you would have it so) to any Gentleman in our House than to some Person out of it And we wish that Opinion of Infallibility you mention was as far from Your House as it is from ours

However we cannot be mistaken in this That such a Bill not to be found in any English Government And which If it had Passed into a Law would have had the Effects we before mentioned of Establishing a new and dangerous Power amongst ourselves making the Whole Province ridiculous to our neighbours and the Risque of Incurring his Majestys Displeasure

Your Message of the 6th Instant would not have been less Decent if the Extraordinary threat of the People doing themselves Justice Had been Omitted Whatever you may be pleased to Suggest to your

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