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For the Negative

M <sup>r</sup> Read	Calder	Gassaway
Swann	Carroll	Smith
Wilson	Denton	Weems
M <sup>r</sup> Hall	M <sup>r</sup> Ennals	M <sup>r</sup> Mathews
Courts	Brannock	Caswell
Smallwood	George	Wootton
King	Colvill	Os <sup>b</sup> <sup>n</sup> Sprigg
Stoughton	Rumsey	Clayton
Goldsborough	Pearce	Pemberton
Rob <sup>t</sup> Lloyd	Sheredine	Wilkinson
Thomas	Moale	

The Governor Communicated the following answer to the Address of this House

Gentlemen of the Lower House of Assembly

I have considered your address delivered to me on Thursday last and can very truly assure you that it has been my constant and uninterrupted View and Aim, ever since I had the Honour of being appointed Governor of this province, to promote the General Happiness and Prosperity of it, by all the Ways and means that have lain in my power, and I have the Pleasure of flattering my self, that my Endeavours have not been without some Success, but that both the Trade and Riches of this province have greatly increased during the time of my Administration, and I am perswaded they would have done so in a much higher degree, had our paper money been put upon that Foot of Credit which the Government laboured so heartily and sincerely to give it, and which could be done no other way then by putting it to as many uses as possible, as must be readily Allowed by every man of understanding, who has given any reasonable attention to Trade, and the proper means of carrying it on

As what I now say is not only well known to all men of business here but to every Merchant in London who is acquainted with the Trade of this Province I hope it will be looked upon as a Sufficient Answer to all General Charges of Oppressions and Grievances so often mentioned this Assembly, and as to particular ones I make no doubt of giving Satisfactory answers to them whenever you shall please to lay them before me

The present Subject of your address is the twelve pence p hhd raised for the support of Government, which You say “You are sensibly concerned to find has been since the twenty ninth of September seventeen hundred and thirty three Collected and Levied from the People of this province without any law that you know of to warrant the same