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U.H.J. That the Clauses obliging the Rent Roll Keepers to make out and deliver Copies of his Lordships Rent Rolls and Directing his Lordships Receivers of the Quit Rents to Collect the Land Tax we think should be drawn Requiring the favour of His Lordship to permit such his private Officers to execute these parts of the Bill and not positively obliging them to do what in the Nature of their Respective p. 73 Offices they ought not to do without his Lordships Consent and Approbation. That in Order to encourage Persons to Enlist in the Service we think it Necessary that a Clause should be inserted in the Bill that all Persons that shall be Enlisted under the Act to bear Arms during the Space of Six Months in defence of the Country shall be excused from the payment of any Tax by this Bill imposed as well as all Parochial and County Charges for the Term of One year from the time of such Enlisting or taking up Arms as af.d That upon the Rent Roll Keeper and Receiver of the Land Tax differing on the Settlement of their Accounts we think it will be more Equitable and Just That such Settlement shall be made with the Receiver by the Commissioners of the Paper Office as indifferent Persons than to Conclude the Receiver by the Return of the Rent Roll keeper That to that Clause obliging the Agent or His Lordships Receiver General to give an amount of the Exact Quantity of Acres of Land Contained within His Lordship's Manors and Reserves and to pay the Tax thereon we think should be added a Clause to make him a Reasonable Satisfaction for performing the same as it is impossible for him to Comply with that part of the Bill without Surveying and laying out many if not all of the said Manors and Reserves and in many instances Lands Contiguous thereto to Enable him to ascertain the exact Quantity of Acres. That in the Clause containing the Act of Assembly Entituled an Act for His Majestys Service made at a Session of Assembly begun and held at the City of Annapolis the seventeenth day of July One thousand seven hundred and fifty four relating to the several duties therein mentioned and also the Several parts of the Acts of Assembly therein mentioned to be continued after the Purposes in the same Act and the Acts therein mentioned are fully Answered untill the sum of Forty Thousand pounds by this Bill proposed to be raised shall be by the ways and means in this Bill directed be repaid and replaced in the Office we apprehend the duty on Convicts should be Excepted the same being as we are advised Contrary to and Repugnant to the Law of England and therefore cannot be assented to by the Lord Proprietary as being Contrary to the Charter of the Province. That the new Emmission of Paper money must be sunk within five years in Obedience to his Majestys Instructions and as the ways and means in this Bill for raising a fund for the Repaying and Replaceing the same money within that time are uncertain such Provision must be made as will undoubtedly bring in the whole sum of that money in