

greatest Extremity for it cannot be denied that the Emission of a larger Sum as of 20 or 30 thousand pounds of new Money would greatly depreciate the Value of the Money now Current among us, therefore the Emission of the Sum proposed by your Bill to be emitted must depreciate it in a degree Proportionate to the Sum be the duration or Continuance of it as it may It is true the shorter time the new Emission is to be in Circulation the less is the Evil to the publick, but we look upon it to be our duty to Guard against and prevent as much as in us lies any the least Evil whatsoever to the Community as We cannot Pass this Bill upon the present Plan We hope a Bill may be Framed upon such a foundation as may Justify our giving that aid which is incumbent on us to do to every Matter which is a real Advantage to our Country and to the true Interest of our Noble and worthy Lord Proprietor which the duty of our Station as well calls us to Support as the Valuable privileges which all of us enjoy under his just and Mild Administration and here we must observe that in this Bill now Returned to you there is a Clause which Strikes at my Lords Prerogative, that is the Attempt to appropriate the Fines Arising from the Ordinary Licences, It is true his Lordships Ancestors have been so good as to give this Benefit to his Tenants, and We hope if the Occasion made it absolutely requisite and a necessary Supply could not be raised without it, our present Lord Proprietor would not be less generous, but We again Say that if the Lord Proprietor could be prevailed upon to part with his Prerogative in this Instance We Conceive that the Ordinary License Fund is too far Mortgaged already to be laid under any further Burthen so as to Answer the purpose Intended by this Bill by the Time of Sinking the Residue of the Paper Money, We therefore flatter ourselves Gentlemen with hopes that the same just principals that will govern your deliberations in regard to the Interests and priviledges of your Constituents will urge you as Strenuously to Support the Dignity of the Lord Proprietary by allowing all his Prerogatives. Other Material and weighty Objections do lie against Some other parts of your Bill, but we do not offer them now being willing to Save as much Expence as Possible to our Country by bringing this Session to as Speedy a Conclusion as may be and as we looke upon the present Time to be so Critical, as to call in the most pressing manner for a Supply of Money towards the Support of the Common Cause so We hope you will form a Bill upon such a Plan as cannot be objected to, & give us an opportunity of Concurring with you in testifying our Sincere & unfeigned duty and Affection to the best of Kings and his Government by contributing every thing in our Power towards the raising a Necessary Supply for that great & important Service

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Signed p Order John Ross Cl Up H.º

Adjourned till three of the Clock in the Afternoon