

The giving a Power to the Commissioners of the Loan-Office to put the Collectors Bonds in Suit, immediately on Failure in Payment of the Duties, is not without Precedent; 'tis done by the £40,000 Act. The Backwardness of the Collectors of the Public Monies, in paying them into the Loan-Office, for many Years past, made it then necessary, and we are sorry to observe, the same Backwardness, even to this Time, makes it more so now. Public Applications to the Supreme Magistrate, for this Purpose, are attended with unavoidable Delay: The Lodging such a Power ought therefore not to be looked upon as Derogatory to his Right, but as a prudent Precaution, and necessary to compel the speedy Payment of the Public Monies into the Loan-Office, at this Time more particularly needful, as the Credit of our Paper Currency so greatly depends upon it's being speedily brought in and sunk.

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When the Treasure of the People is drawn from their Pockets, to sink in those of the Collectors, it is particularly Grievous, as they must be again Taxed to make good Deficiencies in our public Funds, occasioned by the Collectors converting the public Money to their own private Use, which renders the People still less able to answer the public Demands.

We did not apprehend, that the Provision made in the Bill to discharge the Claims of such Persons as have been burthened with very considerable Expences, in providing Necessaries for his Majesty's Troops in their Winter Quarters, could have been liable to the least Objection; especially as we have been so far from assuming any new Power, that, on the contrary, we have made the constant and uninterrupted Usage of this Province, the sole Rule of our Conduct upon this Occasion: And your Honours will probably acquit us of the heavy Charge of assuming Powers unprecedented, and of endeavouring to abridge your just Rights, when you may be pleased to recollect, that Claims of every Denomination against the Public, are laid before, considered and adjusted by, the Lower House of Assembly only, and that upon their Determination such Claims are rejected, or entered upon the Journal of Accounts, which must have the Sanction and Aid of an Act of the Legislature, before the public Creditors can be paid their respective Allowances, and we conceive the Clause objected to, goes no farther, as it only applies a Sum not exceeding Two Thousand Five Hundred Pounds, out of the £45,000 granted by the Bill, to the discharging the Claims of such Persons as have been burthened with the Expence of Quartering, which shall be laid before and allowed by the Lower House of Assembly of this Province; and as no Authority is vested in any Persons to make a Distribution of the Money thus applied, the Sanction and Aid of an Act of the Legislature must likewise be had in this Instance, before the Claimants can be paid their respective Allowances. A Bill for this

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