

restored and settled if he did and spoke his Sense of its Principles to his Parliament in the 13.<sup>th</sup> Year of his Reign in these Words "It is always with Regret when I do ask Aids of my People but you will observe that I desire nothing which relates to any personal Ex-  
 pence of Mine I am only pressing you to do all you can for your own Safety and Honour at so critical and dangerous a Time and am willing that what is given shall be wholly appropriated to the purposes for which it is intended

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And since I am speaking on this Head I think it proper to put you in Mind that during the late War I ordered the Accounts to be laid Yearly before the Parliament and also gave my Assent to several Bills for taking the public Accounts that my Subjects might have Satisfaction how the Money given for the War was applied and I am willing that Matter may be put in any farther Way of Examination that it may appear whether there were any Misapplications and Mismanagements or whe.<sup>r</sup> the Debt that remains upon us has really arisen from the Shortness of the Supplies or the Deficiency of the Funds" It is pretty clear he thought there ought to be an Account rendered of Monies granted for public Uses

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What your Hon.<sup>rs</sup> mean by insisting "that the Provincial Amerciaments are by the express Terms of a positive Law subject to the Application of the Gov.<sup>r</sup> and Council only that L.<sup>d</sup> Baltimore is the sole Judge in what Manner the Monies he receives as proprietary and Hereditary Gov.<sup>r</sup> of this Province for the Support of Government ought to be applied to that Purpose" we cannot with any Certainty conjecture but if you mean that whilst any of the Amerciaments remain or the L.<sup>d</sup> Balt.<sup>re</sup> has any of that Money in Hand collected under the Pretence of Support of Gov<sup>r</sup>ment not expended in the Support of Government we should lay new Taxes on or apply other Monies belonging to the People to pay Salaries to the Clks of the Council you are widely mistaken for it is Time enough to talk of new Taxes or new Applications when a Deficiency appears which we shall never believe 'till we have an Account. Suppose there sho.<sup>d</sup> be a Balance of the Amerciaments or Monies rec<sup>d</sup> by the Lord Balt.<sup>re</sup> for the Support of Government over and above the purposes to w.<sup>ch</sup> those Amerciaments and Monies are usually applied what would your Hon.<sup>rs</sup> have done with it? or suppose there should be no Actual Application at all of those Amerciaments or Monies must new Taxes be laid or Applications of other Monies be made to defray the whole Charges of Government including even a Salary to the Governor? and if any we do not see why every Part may not be withheld in equal Reason

We are not at this Time though perhaps we may be hereafter furnished with the Means of ascertain<sup>g</sup> what is rec<sup>d</sup> by the Government from the People of this Province nor are we so totally ignorant