

L. H. J. on the Subject but that we can form a tolerable Guess and support
 Liber No. 52 it from Probability We Suppose the Proprietary receives annually
 Dec. 16 upw.^{ds} of £900 Str on the Article of Tonnage that the Governor
 receives annually upwards of £200 Str on the same Article That the
 Proprietor receives on the 12.^d p Hh.^d annually upwards of £1400
 Str and for Common Law Fines and Act of Assembly Forfeitures
 granted for Support of Government annually upwards of £400 Cur-
 rency and that the Provincial Amerciaments which as your Honours
 observe are to be applied as the Governor and Council shall direct
 Amount annually to upw.^{ds} of 2500.^{lb} of Tobo Suppose the People
 of this Province recognized the Right of Government in the strongest
 Manner to levy these Monies which has been long denied by those
 who have heretofore occupied the Station we are now placed in with
 the greatest Reputation and whose Memories are still dear to a
 grateful People yet we contend that the above mentioned Monies
 reced by the Proprietor as well as the Amerciaments subject to the
 Gov.^r and Council's Direction ought according to natural Justice and
 the well known Principles of our Constitution to be applied to defray
 the Expences of Government. We could wish with all our Hearts that
 the Argument you have been pleased to adduce from contemporary
 Practice and Exposition could be esteemed conclusive because as to
 the Tonnage some former Member of your House as well as ours
 rem̄bred when the Record of the Act under which the Tonnage Duty
 is pretended to be collected mentioned that Duty to be granted for
 Fort Charges instead of Port Charges and that Fact stands evi-
 denced by the most solemn and deliberate Act of the Legislature
 against a Record suspicious on the very Face of it to whose Asser-
 tions in M̄res of Fact within their Knowledge Modesty requires at
 least an equal Acquiescence as in their Opinion on Political Rights:
 This Fact strengthened too by the Duty being laid on Powder and
 Shot excludes any Pretence that the Imposition was for a private
 Use and consequently this Act came under the Gen.¹ Repealing Law
 of 1704 and could not possibly be excepted by the Saving of private
 Rights. If the 12.^d p Hh.^d is to be determined by the same Criterion
 the sev.¹ Revenue Bills from 1716 to 1733 are so many deliberate
 Acts of the whole Legislature that tacitly deny the Existence of that
 Act and the Proprietary's not receiving the 12^d p Hh.^d under the
 Act of 1704 for all that Time is as strong a Concession of the Ex-
 piration of that Act as the Allowance of a Salary to the Clk of the
 Council on the Journal is of the Salary not being intended within
 the Provision so that this Kind of Reasoning proves too much or
 too little for y.^r Purpose If it proves the Clk of the Council ought to
 have an Allowance in the Journal it proves the Repeal of the Tonnage
 Act and most effectually prove the Expiration of the Act of 1704
 the Intention of making which is set out in the Preamble and shews
 the Baltimore Family had before that Time under the Pretext of