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of imprudence to intrust any Person with such an authority & Fund of Money as may tempt & enable them to betray that Trust, & that the world may clearly see what we object to the Bill on this Head, we must take the Liberty of mentioning some parts of the Bill” “That the Person in whose hands the money shall be lodged, shall pay such money to such Person or Persons as the Trustees so to be appointed or to the Survivor or Survivors of them shall order & direct & not otherwise, and that the money arising by the Duty shall be applyed towards the support of an Agent at London & to such other uses & purposes as shall from time to time be thought necessary by the Trustees or the Survivors of it & not otherwise.” “Now let us consider the duration, Power & temptation w.<sup>h</sup> the Trustees must have had under such a Law. 1.<sup>st</sup> not to be removed from the Trusteeship during continuation of the Law, for after the Speaker had once executed the authority of Signifying the appointm.<sup>t</sup> of the Trustees there could not be another appointment before all the Trustees should be Dead & the Bill expressly directs the Trust to be executed by the Survivor or Survivors”

2.<sup>dly</sup> As to the Power it is with.<sup>t</sup> Bounds, they might have done either as much or little as they pleased, not one thing noticed as the Business of the Trustees except fingering the money & making some application of it (But not mentioned how much to an Agent) so that one would be apt to imagine that Bill had been calculated principally to gratifye the same Trustees.”

“3.<sup>dly</sup> Let us examine how they might complim.<sup>t</sup> each other out of this Fund & not acc.<sup>ble</sup> for Embez.<sup>mt</sup> or misapplication. The Sixpence p.<sup>r</sup> Hh.<sup>d</sup> on Tobacco may be calculated at £700 p.<sup>r</sup> Annum, former salary to an agent a £100 p.<sup>r</sup> Ann: But supposed this increased to a £200 p.<sup>r</sup> Ann: sterl.<sup>s</sup> those then w.<sup>d</sup> remain £500 p.<sup>r</sup> Ann: in three years £1500 Sterl<sup>s</sup> which they might dispose of to such purposes they think necessary, to the Province or their own use, accountable only for no more than they might think fit to give their agent that the Law was very express they should have Liberty of applying the money as they judged necessary, is sufficient for the purpose.” Hence the world may judge who acted with care in . . . [*The letter ends here abruptly; the page following is missing*]