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persons with such an authority, and fund of money, as may tempt and enable them to betray that trust, &c. That the world may clearly see what we objected to the bill on this head, we must take the liberty of mentioning some parts of the bill; which in one part of it directs, "That Mr. Hyde (in whose hands the money is to be lodged) shall pay such money to such person or persons as the trustees so to be appointed as aforesaid, or the survivor or survivors of them shall, by writing under their hands, order and direct the same, and not otherwise." And then the last clause in these words, viz. "And be it further enacted, by the authority aforesaid, That the money arising by the duty aforesaid, shall be applied towards the payment of an agent to be employed for this Province to reside at London, in Great-Britain, and to such other uses and purposes, as shall, from time to time, be thought necessary by the trustees aforesaid, or the survivors of them, and not otherwise." Now let us consider the duration, power, and temptation, which the trustees must have had under such a law. First, as to their duration, we say, they could not have been removed from the trusteeship, during the continuance of the law; for after the speaker had once executed his authority of signifying, under his hand, the appointment of the trustees, there could not be another appointment, before all the trustees should be dead, because the other parts, and the last clause of the bill, expressly direct the trust to be executed by the survivor or survivors.—Secondly, as to their power, it is without bounds; they might have done either as much or as little as they pleased; nor is there one thing taken notice of in the bill, as the proper business of the trustees, except fingering the money, and making some application of it (but how much is not mentioned) towards payment of an agent; so that one would be apt to imagine this bill had been calculated principally to gratify these same trustees. Thirdly, let us examine how they might compliment each other out of this fund, without ever being accountable for any embezzlement or misapplication. The sixpence per hogshead intended to be raised by this bill, may be calculated to amount, communibus annis, to 700 l. sterling per annum; the salary formerly allowed by this Province to an agent, used to be 100 l. sterling per annum; but suppose this to be increased to 150 l. or 200 l. sterling per annum; and in the whole three years to 1500 l. or 1800 l. sterling, in their hands or power, which they might dispose of to such uses and purposes as they should, from time to time, think necessary; so that whether they applied it to the use and service of the Province, or to their own use, (which they might judge necessary) they could not be accountable for more than they might think fit to give their agent: for if they should have been questioned, upon laying their account before the house of delegates, what they had done with the money, they might truly say, that the law was very express, that they should have liberty of applying the money to such uses and purposes as they