

lest this might be giving up too much the Deputy Commissary's Jurisdiction must be lessened from Estates from £150 to 50 Pounds whereby the poorer People would be deprived of the Ease and Convenience of having this Business done in their own Counties or be at the Expence and Trouble of procuring Commissions.

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We presume that we need urge nothing further to your Honours to convince you that we ought not to come into your Expedients, without an attentive Consideration of them.

The Clergy's Dues being the Point next in Consequence permit us to remark you have not denied the Justice of extending the Alternative to the People to pay 30 per Poll in Tobacco or in Money on 32. The Governor's Message, of the Propriety of which (and wherein he seemed himself to doubt) we can say nothing has determined your Action, though it does not seem to have convinced your Understanding. This very fact ought to render probable, at least to you, what we have before asserted with regard to the weight of the Regulation of Tobacco carrying thro' the former Lower Houses that of the Officers fees. When we see the solemn Sanction of Temporary Acts are set up in Opposition to, and are accepted to bear down the Principles of Justice, we shall be cautious how we adopt Expedients. A general uniform Establishment of the Clergy is truly desirable. You must be sensible with Us, that the People groan under a heavy and unequal Burthen, and as you can get nothing by acting contrarily we hoped for your united Efforts to obtain them Relief.

We are sorry that we are disappointed in those Hopes. The Clergy are too much connected with Tobacco to leave them out of the Bill, nor shall we ever take them into it so unequally on the Tobacco Makers unless we see something more easy to them in Reversion than four Shillings; but even were we disposed to continue the old Regulation as to the present Clergy with the Alternative of 30 lbs of Tobacco, or four Shillings, as to the future Clergy, we do not see what should, at the End of seven Years prevent another Message to your House intimating his Excellency's Resolution to dissent to a Continuance of such a Regulation and thereby the present Design of a general, uniform, Establishment of the Clergy may be entirely defeated. p. 276

What has been the Practice or Usage in bringing Suits on Inspectors Bonds for the Non Payment of Tobacco according to their Notes or Receipts we do not very well know, and believe few Suits have been brought on such Bonds.

Persons interested in Bonds taken in his Lordship's Name have sometimes made Applications to the Governor by Petition to assign such Bonds to bring Suits thereon. If such Applications are necessary to enable the Person interested to bring or maintain such Suit