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L. H. J. as it should seem that the Application implies the Power of granting or rejecting the Petition it would likewise seem as if the Governor might allow of, or prevent the Petitioner's Remedy on the Bond; as all Persons were by the Bill to be obliged to carry their Tobacco to the inspecting Houses and Inspectors Notes or Receipts were to have been legal Tenders it follows as a Consequence that the Person who thus being obliged did carry his Tobacco to an Inspecting House or the Person who being obliged received an Inspectors Note or Receipt in Payment should have it in his Power to recur to that Security he was obliged by Law to confide in without the Leave of the Governor, and therefore the Bill intended to confer that Power. On Non Payment of any Clergy's Dues, Officers or Lawyers ffees, Public or County Levies, or Parochial Charges, by the 10.th Day of August by the Bill, Money only was to be levied by Way of Execution.

> Your Honours first proposed to shorten the Time to the 10.th of April though you afterwards agreed to extend it to the 10.th of June and in Case the Defaulter was a Tobacco Maker and owed for Officers or Lawyers ffees you proposed the Execution should be for Tobacco. The Clergy's Dues were put out of this Question by your other Proposition and the Public and County Levies and Parochial Charges not being objected to, stood as in the Bill.

> We have to observe, that confining the Time of Payment to the 10.th of June excludes the Hope to the ffarmer of any Relief from Execution by his then growing Crop of Wheat. That generally laying the Planter under Necessity of selling his Tobacco before the 10.th of June is laying him under a Necessity of selling his Tobacco below its Value. That an Execution on a Tobacco Maker for Money for the Public and County Levies and Parochial Charges and for Tobacco for Officers and Lawyers ffees cannot be in both Instances right; That when men are liable to be called upon for what they have not they must be under great Disadvantage in making a Contract to pay in what they have That this Disadvantage is greatly increased by the Manner in which Men may be liable to be called upon for what they have not and that this Disadvantage would lie with all it's Weight on the poor Planters out whose Effects or Persons the Tobacco must be extracted to the Emolument of the Officers & Lawyers.

> The Lower House greatly regret the Loss of a most useful and beneficial Regulation of the Staple. They still console themselves with the Reflection that Nothing has been omitted on their Part to bring about an Agreement on just and reasonable Grounds. Your Proposal to adopt the Table of 1745 by which about 25 p Cent would be added to the Secretary and Commissary General's Offices and the other Offices much increased convinces Us that Nothing can be now done: it is a Proposal indeed that could come from none