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Whereas his most gracious Majesty King George, has been pleased to restore the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietor of this Province to the Government thereof, whereby all the Fines, Penalties and Forfeitures that shall hereafter happen, and are by the several Acts of Assembly of this Province now in Force, made payable to our Sovereign Lord the King, his Heirs or Successors, ought to be made payable to the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietor of this Province. And whereas the said Laws have all lately been re-enacted and revised with great Care, and at the vast Expence of this Province, and are found to be beneficial, and much conducing to the Peace and Welfare thereof, To the End that all unnecessary Charges may be avoided, It is humbly prayed that it may be enacted.

AND be it Enacted, by his Lordship the Lord Proprietor, by and with the Advice and Consent of his Lordship's Governour, and the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly, and by the Authority of the same, that where by any the Laws of this Province, any Fines, Penalties or Forfeitures are made payable to, or recoverable by the King's Majesty, or in his Name, to any the Uses in the said Laws expressed, all such Fines, Forfeitures or Penalties shall henceforward be payable to the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary of this Province, his Heirs and Successors, and be recoverable by Him or them, or in his or their Name to the same Uses as by those Laws are expressed; any Law, Statute, Usage or Custom to the contrary notwithstanding.

Provided nevertheless that it always be construed, understood and adjudged that where any of the said Fines are directed by those Laws to be appropriated or applied towards the Support of Government, his Lordship's the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary his Governour out of this Province, be thereby understood and none other.

And be it further Enacted by the Authority, Advice and Consent aforesaid, that all manner of Suits, Indictments, Informations, or other prosecutions that shall hereafter be made for any such Fines, Forfeitures or Penalties as aforesaid, where in his Majesty's Name or Title ought to have been used, as a Party in such Prosecution, it shall be lawful instead thereof, to use the Name or Title of the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietor of this Province, or in his Name or Title of his Lordship's Heirs or Successors, as fully and amply, to all Intents, Constructions and purposes whatsoever, as if such Name or Title of his said Lordship, or of his Heirs or Successors had been expressly mentioned in such Acts, instead of the Name or Title of our Sovereign Lord the King, his Heirs or Successors; any Thing therein, or in any other Law to the contrary, notwithstanding.

And be it further Enacted, by the Authority, Advice and Consent aforesaid, that for any Suits, Indictments, or other Prosecutions, in the Name of his Lordship, or of his Heirs or Successors, where, according to the present Form of those Laws, such Suits, Indictments or other prosecutions ought to have been made or prosecuted, in the Name of his present Majesty, his Heirs or Successors, such Alteration or Difference of Name, Title or Title in such Suits, Indictments or other Prosecutions, from what is expressed in the said Laws, shall be no way assigned or assignable for Error therein, or be any ways allowed or allowable as any Fault, Defect or Cause of Exception thereto, but that all such Exceptions or pretended Faults, or Causes of Error, shall be and are hereby aided; any Law, Statute, Usage or Custom to the contrary notwithstanding.

August the 6. 1716

Read and assented to by the Lower House of Assembly and signed of order.

The Marquise de ...

August the 10. 1716

The Lord Proprietary

*(Signature)*

On behalf of the Right Honourable

Jo. Hart

August the 6. 1716

Read & assented to by the Upper House of Assembly and signed of order

*(Signature)*