

not quite foreign to that part of the Title of the act for amending the Staple, and as
 the accustomed method of taxing and charging Clergy dues &c. has been in tobacco
 because the most convenient to the Planters who are the bulk of the People but yet
 would be inconvenient to Farmers and others not engaged in the culture of tobacco.
 The Liberty was given to the Farmers &c. to pay off the charges in Tobacco with
 Money, and in this light the Clause appears to have some Correspondence with
 the Title of the act for the Limitation of Officers fees, and the Clause regulating foreign
 Coins giving ease and Indulgence to the Farmers by allowing them the Alternation
 of paying Gold and Silver or Paper Currency has the same Relation to the Title
 of the act for amending the Staple, and Limitation of Officers fees. It seems not
 immaterial to observe to your Lordship that Tobacco answers the Purpose of
 Money, and in many parts of the Province is the common Medium, Debts are
 Contracted in Tobacco and bear an Interest of 8% *Quantum* our Tobacco being thus
 considered in these two respects as a Commodity and a Medium, when it came to
 be regulated by an act required different and apparently independent regulations,
 and those of necessity, for it could not be exclusively and properly affected as a Commodity
 or a Medium.

We beg leave further to observe to your Lordship that in all or most of
 the Colonies within his Majesty's American Dominions a Rate is settled between
 Foreign Coins and the Provincial Currency, either by the Consent of the People, or
 express Laws, and if Silver or Gold Currency could not be received in this Province
 in lieu of Paper Money, but at a Par we should have very little left in a short
 time, and it would be very difficult if not impossible to carry on any sort of Trade
 to Advantage with any other of his Majesty's American Colonies.

As to your Lordship's fifth Objection that the act is an Infringement
 of your Lordship's Prerogative in the Limitation of Officers fees, and the necessity &
 Reasonableness of the Limitation does not appear.

We beg leave humbly to observe to your Lordship that we do not conceive
 your Lordship's Prerogative can in any sort be impeached by the passing of this
 Law with your Lordship's assent. There have been many acts at different Periods
 for the Limitation and regulation of Officers fees. The late Inspection act
 is a recent Instance, but your Lordship's Prerogative is as indisputable now
 as ever it was. It is the undoubted Prerogative of the Crown to regulate foreign
 Coins by Proclamation - but the Statute of the late Queen was not thought any
 Diminution of the Royal Prerogative, before the late Inspection act Officers fees
 were regulated by Proclamation, and your Lordship's Noble Father uncertain
 the Quantum from an act of Assembly which had been in force, but then
 expired, and as the Regulation of fees by Proclamation was the source of much
 Popular uneasiness and disquiet he was always desirous of a Limitation
 and Settlement of them by an act of the Legislature, but such had been
 the Turbulency and distemper of the Lower house that it could not be
 effectuated upon any Reasonable Plan till the late Inspection Law was
 Enacted, altho the Circumstances of the Province required it, the bulk