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the Act is made to endure. Concerning that Part of the Bill which imposes
the Land Tax, I presume Col. Lloyd will write to you very particularly as it
is a matter which in some Sort relates to himself, & which as Agent he ought
to be most intimately acquainted with, I thought it highly necessary that he
should be present in the Upper House when the Affair came under their Consider-
-ation & therefore I writ to him & insisted on his coming over before the Confer-
-ence was begun or agreed to. I submitted to the Council Extracts of the
Letters in which I mentioned to His Ld^{ty} or Yourself the late Disputes be-
-tween Governor Morris & his Assembly & also Your Answer thereto in Your
Letter dated the 24th of Oct. & desired they would maturely consider the Affair
& give me their Advice thereon. Col. Lloyd enlarged on the Losses His Ld^{ty}
suffered last Year on Account of these unhappy Disturbances & the distracted &
defenceless Condition of the Province & undertook to shew that His Ld^{ty}'s Proportion
-on of the Tax about to be imposed by the Bill would be far short of the
Interest of the Money that he lost last Year; if then said he Nothing be done
for the Security of the Province (i.e. that Nothing would be done if the Bill
had been refused on Account of that Clause was evident) Purchasers of Land
will be much fewer this Year than they were last, & continue to decrease till
effectual measures are taken for our Defence; His Ld^{ty}'s Revenue from Lands
will consequently diminish in proportion, & so His Ld^{ty} will in effect be a
much greater Loser by the Bill's being rejected because it imposes a Tax
of perhaps £200 a Year for five Years on His Ld^{ty}'s Lands, than if it was
to pass & make His Ld^{ty} liable to the Payment of double the Sum: It was
also argued that such Lands as are held by Tenants under the Crown in
England are subjected to the Poundage there, & that by inserting in all
the Leases as they come to be renewed a Clause to oblige the Tenant to pay
all Taxes & the Mourthen might in great Measure be taken from His Ld^{ty}
It was observed that the Matter under Consideration was by no means similar
with the late Case of Dispute in Penn^a, for that the Penn^a Assembly insisted
that all the Proprietaries real & personal Estate there should be taxed by
a Person elected by & from among the People who may not always be upright &
impartial