

impartial Men; but that as the Contents of His Lords Mannours & Demands  
Lands were or would be certainly known there could be no room for iniquitous  
Limitations or unequal Apportionments. As these Arguments did not appear to be  
without weight, in Obedience to one of His Lords Instructions I heard all  
the Gentlemen give their reasons in support of their respective Opinions, &  
as they were all unanimous that my rejecting the Bill on Account of the Land  
Tax would in reality be exceedingly prejudicial to His Lordships Interest,  
as they all with one Voice advised & pressed me not to refuse the Bill as it  
was agreed on by both Houses but to assent thereto; I was prevailed on to pass  
it into a Law, & hope that in doing so I shall not expose myself to His  
Lords Displeasure, but that my Conduct therein will meet with His Lords &  
their approbation. As I shall in a separate Paper observe on every part of  
the said Law & transmit such Paper of Remarks together with this I shall  
in my Letter take no farther Notice thereof but proceed to explain a little my  
Opinion to the Assembly at their Prorogation. You know that during Mr  
Dales great absence he was recalled as a Faction sprung up in the Province that  
was in some measure quieted even to this time. In what manner the Govern-  
ment was attacked in respect what Methods were then & have been since taken to punish  
the People that the Duties of 14 & 20 Penn per 100 lbs have been raised & raised  
illegally, & you are not ignorant Attempts I am told have been lately made by some  
to get a Subscription for the Support of an Agent to bring these Matters to a  
hearing before His Majesty in Council, & to those Attempts I allude in the  
later part of my Speech. I hope it will put an entire Stop to every Proceeding  
of that Sort but lest it should not I have got made by my Secretary a full  
particular & true & historical Account of all the Revenues & Taxes that have  
from time to time been made for the Support of Government. To enable him to  
do this he had free access to & leave to peruse & examine all the Record Books  
& Journals of the Upper & Lower Houses as well as the Councils Proceedings &  
Accounts according to the Extracts or Quotations from them respectively & very  
natural Reasoning thereon His Lord has as clear incontestable & indisputable a  
Title of Right to all the Revenues that he receives as any Person can possibly  
have to receive the Rents or Income of any Personal or purchased Estate  
is not felt. Thinking that if the above mentioned Account or State was to  
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