

ceedings of a Neighbouring one under Consideration & Ease them  
of the Trouble of framing Supply Bills by making some  
for them, You will be pleased to remember that no conside-  
rable Sums of Money (except what has arisen from the Duty  
on Tob.<sup>o</sup>) has been ever raised in this Province otherwise than  
by a Poll Tax, that as the People have been always accusto-  
med to that Mode of Taxation they all prefer it to any other  
except some few Leading Men of the Assembly who desire No-  
thing more than to throw Things into Confusion, & thereby to exempt  
themselves & their Constituents from all Taxes whatsoever, that  
in fact it is the most equitable Way of raising Money in this  
Colony that can be proposed because as our Estates consist for  
the most part in Servants & Negroes those who have most property  
pay the greatest Share of the Tax, that the Assembly Men's  
Wages (which amounts annually to a considerable Sum) <sup>& other publick Charges</sup> are always  
paid or defrayed by a Poll Tax, that by a perpetual Law  
of this Province it is enacted, & provided that whenever the Gov.  
shall find it necessary to order the Militia to march for the  
Defence of the Province, a Poll Tax shall be laid for the  
Payment of such Militia, & that they shall not be paid after  
any other manner whatsoever. These Hints You will make  
Use of as You may have Occasion. I can truly say that  
Nothing would have given me so much Pleasure as the Appli-  
cations making the Interposition of Parliament unnecessary but  
really if an Act of Parliament is not made for us very shortly