

Copy from him & this is the Reason that I do not always transmit the
Journals of both Houses at the same time. - Colo Hardy has been some time
paid up with the Govt so that he has not been at Annapolis this Session. but
I shall let him know how much You have owed him & withdraw an Order
in his favour on Colo. Boyd agreeable to His L^{ty}s Instructions. - Since the
Poll Tax Scheme, that I sent You is disapproved of (tho for my own part I
think it as equitable, a Method of raising Money in this Province, as can be propo-
sed) I know of no other unless the L^{ty} 10000 Bill that passed in 1756 was to be
revived & continued, but that the Gents of the Lower House are absolutely deter-
mined against, I mean a Majority of them, nor will they ever agree to raise
Money on any Account whatever unless the Gents of the Upper House will pass
their favourite Assesment Bill without any material Amendments. Informed
You in my Letter of Yesterdays Date that the Assembly had again met to a
little purpose as heretofore; & with You'll receive a Copy of the Speech
made to both Houses at the Opening of the Session together with their Replies
in answer to it, I likewise send You a Copy of a Message that I sent to the
Lower House the 9th Inst with a Letter which I had just received from the
Bill & have thereto annexed the Answer which they presented to me the 11th Inst.
On the 15th they sent their Supply Bill (passed by a Majority of 20 vs 19) for
raising L^{ty} 6000 on their old Plan, to the Upper House whence it was
returned with a Negative the same Day. The next Morning a Member
moved for "a Bill for granting a Supply of L^{ty} 50000 for His Majesty's Service
by a Tax upon Land a Tax upon all the Taxable Inhabitants of this
Province; an additional Tax upon all Negro Taxables, a Tax upon all L^{ty}
& Pilots to be Licensed, an additional Tax upon all Wheels, a Tax upon all
Lucrative Offices, Places of Profit, Benefices & Professions, a Tax upon all
Clocks, Watches Fiddle. Horses &c" which was rejected by a Majority of 17 vs
23 vs 12. Upon this I sent a Message to the House desiring them to let me
know whether they would or would not agree to raise the necessary Supplies by
some other Bill beside that which the Upper House had then refused.