=lected by the several Sheriffs as hath been usual & by them to be accoun-
ted for & paid also to the Treasurers: The Naval Officers Sheriffs &
Treasurers to be allowed such Commissions for Collecting or Receiving &
paying away the Money as they have been usually allowed, viz.t The
Naval Officers Eight p Cent: The Sheriffs Ten p Cent: The Treasurers
two & half p Cent & two & half p Cent to be allowed the Rent Roll
keeper as hath been usual for Settling the Land Tax Accounts. The
Lieut.t Governor to take Care &c. that the several Officers concerned in
carrying the Act into Execution give good Security for due Performance
of their Duty & that they lay their Accounts regularly before the General
Assembly. Should there after all Commissions have been paid be a Surplus
it might be subject to the Disposal of the Legislature of the Province, &
if a Deficiency to be made good by the Legislature at their next Meeting.
If this Scheme be likewise disapproved of I can only tell You in general
that any Mode of Taxation which would suit the Virginians will suit
the Inhabitants of this Province, but if it can be avoided We ought to
keep clear of the Mode that hath been introduced into the Northern Co-
lonies between whose Situation, Circumstances & Manner of Living &
Cur.t there is a great Difference. All the Articles which by the above
Scheme Would subject to Duties or Taxes except Tob.o will be free
of all Duties & Taxes in 1761 & the Duty of fifteen pence p Hhd w.ch
is at present payable on Tob.o exported will expire or be discontinued
in 1764 when our Paper Currency sho sink which that Duty was impos'd
in 1764 will be all called in & destroyed. As there is not & will not
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