

that His L<sup>ty</sup> was pleased with the Speech which I made to the Assembly  
in March last; & I hope he will likewise approve of what I said to them  
the 26 of last Month; at which time I met them in consequence of a  
Letter that I had about a fortnight before received from General Monkton  
This you will perceive was the Reason I gave for Convening the Assembly  
at that time; but I believe what weighed most with the Gentlemen of  
the Council when they advised me to take this Step was a Desire to  
Relieve the Land Holders particularly the Roman Catholics from the  
great & unequal Tax that was about to fall on them in consequence of  
the Act for Granting a Supply of £20,000<sup>00</sup> which was made in 1760  
& whereby it was provided & directed that lest the Funds appropriated for  
sinking the said Sum should prove deficient that a certain Number of  
Members from both Houses should on the first Monday in Aug. 1760  
meet at the Loan Office to examine the State & Annual Produce of  
the said Funds & that in case they should be thereby convinced  
that the Funds would prove deficient; that then they should issue Cer-  
tificates to the several Collectors of the Land Tax certifying that  
there was such Deficiency & directing the several Collectors to Demand  
& receive from the Land Holders within their respective Counties as  
much over & above the usual Land Tax as would altogether make  
good the Deficiency. Accordingly several of the Commissioners having  
met in Aug<sup>r</sup> last to examine the State of the Funds & found that at  
the time when the Money which had been emitted ought to be sunk  
there would be a Deficiency of more than £14,000 (scarcely one of the  
Funds having produced as much as was expected) they made out Certificates  
agreeable as they conceived to the Directions of the Act & thereby required  
the Collectors to Demand & receive within this Year commencing the