

29 of Sept: from every Land Holder being a Protestant an Addition
of seven Shillings & seven pence over & above the One Shil-
ling otherwise payable & from every Papist the Sum of Fifteen Shil-
lings & Two pence additional Tax for every hundred Acres of Land by
them respectively holden. As No Body at the time the £ 20,000 Act was
made apprehended that the Deficiency of the Funds would be a fourth
Part so great as it has proved. You will easily conceive that all the
Land Holders especially the Papists were exceedingly alarmed at
hearing that they were to pay such an unequal Share or Proportion of
the Money which had been granted for His Majestys Service, At
the same time the Men who had got the Paper Money into their
hands conceiving that those who should want it to pay their Tax
with must purchase it at any Rate; immediately raised its price or
Lowered the Exchange; so that altho One might with a Bill of Excha.
for £ 100 pay about a Year ago purchase a hundred & fifty five Pounds
Currency, such a Bill would not now procure more than £ 140 Currency
& had not the Duration of the £ 20,000 Act been extended, there was no
Doubt but within a few Months those Persons who had collected the Pa-
per Money would have Lowered the Exchange, five or six per Cent more.
To avoid therefore this Evil & prevent the Confusion which there must other-
wise have been in the Province (for by an Error of the Clerk who issues
the above mentioned Certificates in Directing them to the Sheriffs of the several
Counties instead of the Collectors of the Land Tax, it was doubted by
many whether Distress could be legally made for the said Additional
Tax.) the Gentlemen of both Houses, I believe every Member but one
seemed find it necessary to relieve the Land Holders by protracting the Term