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Your L^{dy} will see in my Speech; but what made the Gent^{l^{ms}} of the Council, and of my calling them together on that Occasion was an earnest Desire, to relieve the Land-Holders from a great & unequal Tax, which was about to fall on them, by reason of a Great Deficiency in the Produce of the Funds that were appropriated to sink the Bills of Credit which were emitted in the Year 1756 by Virtue of the Act that was then made for Granting a Supply of £10000 for His Majesty's Service. It appearing by the Books of the Loan Office that the Deficiency in the Produce of the Funds that were appropriated to sink the Bills of Credit which were emitted in the Year 1756 by Virtue of the Act that was then made for Granting a Supply of £10000 for His Majesty's Service. It appearing by the Books of the Loan Office that the Deficiency would be about £10000 (scarcely one of the Taxes or Duties that were imposed, having produced so much as was expected) an Additional Tax of Seven Shillings & seven Pence must have been paid before the 20th of June next by every Protestant & twice as much by every Papist for every 100 Acres of Land by them respectively holden, had not the Legislature interfered & relieved them. In order therefore to lighten this heavy Burthen which was about to fall on one Part of the Inhabitants & of which Your L^{dy} must have born no inconsiderable Share, & to prevent the great Confusion & Distress which would have ensued, the two Houses agreed on & presented me a Bill for Continuing the Excise & all the other Taxes & Duties imposed by the £10000 Act for the Term of two Years longer; in which time it is expected that the whole £10000 will be paid in, or at least that the Deficiency to be then made good by an Additional Land Tax will be very inconsiderable; So this Continuing Bill entitled "An Act for easing the Inhabitants of this Province from the great & unequal Burthen of the Additional Land Tax." I yesterday on Your L^{dy}'s Behalf gave my Assent, flattering myself that the same Considerations which