

clear if not more yet equal in Revenue as may my Quit Rents; this unjust
Convoiance I understand has prevailed under all the pecuniary Administrations
of Agents that were in my Father's Time & the same continues on me, Why? It
is my real Due on the Death of my provincial Tenants by Virtue of their res-
pective Grants inheritable to be lived & paid by all Heirs in its full Extent
it is a reciprocal mutual Agreement by Grant & Patent between the Lord &
provincial Tenant; therefore much Care ought & must be had as to just pay-
ment & that it be enforced" In answer to which I must beg Leave to observe
to You in the first place that His Ldp seems to have been misinformed with
regard to what would be the Amount of the Alienation Fines were they rigorously
exacted & punctually paid upon every Devise or Descent of Land by the Death
of a Tenant as well as upon every Convoiance, for as the Fine or Money pay-
able to His Ldp on an Alienation of a Tract of Land is as You will see by
the patent no more than One Year's Quit Rent of such Land, the whole Amount
of Alienation Fines could not amount to as large a Sum as the Quit Rents amount
to unless there was once every Year a total & entire Change or Alienation of all
the Lands in the Province, An Event which can never be expected or conceived,
but tho the Alienation Fines upon Devises (could Heirs & Devisees be compelled
to pay) & the Alienation Fines which are now paid would wen together fall
very far short of the Annual Amount of Quit Rents yet they would doubtless
amount every Year to a large Sum, & therefore it may be well worth while to
consider whether by the Tenour of His Ldp's patents an Alienation Fine ought
to be paid on the Death of every Person that dies seized of Land in this Province
& if it is agreeable to both Law & Equity that such Fines be paid Let it be conside-
red what Steps are to be taken in order to compel Heirs & Devisees to account for
them to His Ldp's Agent. - Now that His Ldp & You may be fully apprized of
every thing relative to this Matter I must inform You that by what I can learn
there never were any Alienation Fines paid by Heirs or Devisees to His Ldp's
Ancestors or demanded by them from the first Settlement of the Country to the present