

to draw up the Rules fit for our Courts & Country & List of Fees for the Ministers of those Courts to be approved of by his Lordship.

5. The Sheriffs taking away Merchants & other Tob: &c

To this We answer that if the Sheriffs have only pretended publick Debts thereby to seize Tobacco..... they are punish-
able, but if they did seize Merchants or other Mens Tobacco for pub-
lick Debts they ought to be justified in it to the intent the publick
Faith may not suffer upon which alone we carry on all publick
Business there being so little ready money in the Province. We shall
be ready to join in making a Declaration by a Law what shall be called
publick Debt and what not and all other things that shall be found
necessary for preservation of the publick Faith Indemnity of Officers
in that Case & securing the Merchants & the Inhabitants of this Pro-
vince from undue Seizures.

6. That Officers are Erected &c.

We answer that no new Officers are Erected that we know of
but if there were yet it is but what his Lordship hath power to do
by his Patent and whatsoever he lawfully doth by power of his
Patent must not be styled a Grievance unless you mean to quarrel
with the King who granted it which do take fees exceeding & Contra-
ry to the acts of Assembly, and upon these words were instanced the
Fees of the Seal &c to the Chancellour only, To this We answer that
there neither is nor ever was any act of Assembly for Fees to the Chan-
cellour True it is there was in Cap: Stone's time an act made for
Secretarys fees which allowed fifty pounds Tob: for every Instrum:
under the Seal and fifty for recording it but nothing to the Chan-
cellour then being viz. Cap: Stone and that but till a further settle-
ment so that it remains clearly as of right it ought in the Lord
Proprietary by Proclamation or otherwise to settle the fees of his
Chancellour & other Officers as he hath already done in the case of
the Chancellour's Fees

That Vexatious Informers &c.

To this We answer that there neither is nor ever was any Informers
authorized in this Province as in England is used that if any person
does his Duty in revealing..... mutinous & seditious speeches
spoken by any person (as in the Case of Harris now instanced) to the
Governour he is no Vexatious Informer, Those persons being only