

And Asembled unto by the whole house except Rich^d
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being in the Country are altogether destitute of Coin for
their present subsistence which by Conditions with the
late deceased Governor contracted should have been
defrayed before this time but by reason of the scarcity there
of this Year in the Country and no Coin remaining on
his Lordships Estate more than what is already distri-
buted unto the said Soldiers his Lordships Atty^{ny} to whom
it belongeth, is unable for the present to discharge until
Coin be brought into the Province by way of Trade or
otherwise and whereas in the mean time unless some
speedy Course be Considered upon and taken by the
Country in discharging of the said Coin it is much
to be feared that divers disturbances may happen in
the Province even to the utter Subversion and ruin of
the same to prevent all which mischiefs, it being
apprehended that there is some considerable quantity
of Coin in the Country by divers concealed for their
private Interests which if it were purchased of the
Owners and distributed in Part among the said Soldi-
ers would be a great satisfaction to them and conse-
quently a stop to all fears of ensuing mischiefs, be
it therefore Ordered by the Authority aforesaid Present
Assembly that the Governor shall have Power by one
or more sworn Officers thereunto by him appointed
to view and measure every mans Coin in the Prov^{ce}
and where there shall be more found than sufficient