

how your Lordship could suppose it fit and necessary
 that those your Loyal Friends and even those who Concur
 in most to the necessary defence and preservation of the
 Province should be deprived by Law of ^{the} dues
 for so great and good a Service done and effected by them
 and principally for your Lordships Honour and Glory
 Notwithstanding all this it should be required at their
 hands to pay themselves a Levy upon themselves we
 much wonder also that your Honour should Consider
 or think much that a few Cattle not above 11 or 12
 Cows at the most of your Lordships known Clearstock
 and their Congrua again to your Lordship and taken
 from the unlawful Possessor should be distributed among
 those men who had ventured and hazarded their For-
 tunes lives and Estates in the defence recovery and preser-
 vation of your Lordships Province especially those very
 Cattle being unpaid with all other your Lordships Estate
 here both by Mr Culvert & Mr Seeger to the Soldiers here
 in Consideration for their ^{time} hire and wages and lastly
 we wonder that such Exactions should be made & required
 upon a People and those your faithful and Loyal
 Friends who had Conquered the Place many of them
 as yet being unsatisfied and groaning under their late
 heavy Sufferings which have been great indeed when
 as we can make it clearly appear to your Lordship that
 we have already satisfied and paid out of our own La-
 bour and Effects towards the Recovery Preservation and
 Sole defence of your Lordships Province 60000 Tobacco
 which is far more (my Lord) than all our recovered estates
 in the Province were then worth had they been sold at