

of our hearty well wishes to your honours so far as the present weak and poor Condition of this Colony is capable of passed our Consent to a Law that your Lordship and your heirs for seven years shall have a Custom of 10⁰ tobacco upon every hhd of Tobacco laden upon any Dutch Vessel to be exported out of this Province so that your Lordship will graciously be pleased that the one half thereof may yearly be Employed towards the satisfying of all Just Claims touching the Recovery and defence of your Lordships Province as shall be brought in and made appear here in the Secretaries Office before the last of March next until they shall be fully discharged and by this your Lordships friends also in a short time we hope and verily Believe will be Complid with to a Great deal of Comfort and Satisfaction on all Parts and lastly we have also Enacted by a Law that an Assessment shall be laid upon all the Inhabitants of this Province to raise within these two Years from the date hereof 16 Cords and a Butt which is by a third more then ever was known to be found certainly of your Lordships own Paper stock in this Colony since the Recovery of the same though it is true more understand your Lordships the right owners not being able to prove them theirs being unmarked in the time of the late Rebellion and desirous to give unto your Lordship all honest satisfaction they could were contented all such uncertain debts should be understood as your Lordships were indeed and are disposed of towards the Payment of such just engagements and at such Rates as was Agreed for by your Brother afore his death and this we Do willingly and freely in an earnest desire if it be