

As for your address concerning the Five Laws your resolve is since all the Acts for Imposition will not be repealed the House are willing they should expire of themselves, so that his Hon^r supposes it to be in vain if it should be offered for, or three of them to be taken off, but your being persuaded that in strictness of Law a prorogation is the end of an Assembly, seems to be a very odd, dangerous and unjustifiable opinion and if he should comply with your request that the said Impositions might no more be demanded, levied nor enacted, he should be guilty of dissenting with the said Five Laws and as for what money or tolls have been raised by virtue of those Laws he hopes hath not been disposed off any other ways than as the said Laws direct, but if himselfe or any other hath done it he hopes that your pretending to be Lawfull will make it Legally.

As for your Conceptions of March the 30th that if his Hon^r will not redress your grievances in the way represented he denies your Rights and will not redress you at all he thinks to be some what arbitrary and illegall - if you can accuse him of this or any other Matter or thing he expects will do it before his Most Sacred Maty. or before y^e Right Hon^{ble} the Lords Com^{rs} for Trade and Foreign Plantations, and it would be a very great Crime in the least to doubt but that all Rights and Justice will be done to both parties.

By his Hon^r the Gov^r and Council in Assembly Apr. 2^o 1698.

It is Remarked upon the Answer of the House this day brought by W. Campbell and others.

1st That the Bill of Revivall not passing Can in no wise be laid to the Charge of his Hon^r or his Maty^s Hon^{ble} Council - Considering the passing it in those words would be directly opposite to one if not both of those two Royall Instructions of his Sacred Maty^s laid before you. Therefore you are the Cause of all those ill Consequences that shall happen for want of reviving those Laws which will expire at the end of this Session.

2^o About W. Sewell, this Board that tho you have the power of raising Money yet you cannot dispose of the same without the Joint Consent of his Hon^r and his Maty^s Hon^{ble} Council.

3^o Abt^o the Reflections cast upon his Maty^s Hon^{ble} Council of Answer of the House is as ill resentd as yo^r intended resolve in that Matter, concerning the Committee abt^o Indian Affairs in October his Hon^r do say that he with the advise of his Maty^s Hon^{ble} Council have power (paramount to yours) of calling together any Number of Men to Consult of any Matter or thing for his Maty^s or the Countys Service which that was for, and that greater Number may appoint a Committee to draw up the severall Matters and things into certaine Heads which was by him done and his Hon^r not with them, and who ever Reported to your House and those