

with and pay me the same to his Lordships use, for a very small delay in this matter will be of great prejudice to his Lordship because thereby he will fail of it this year which I hope you may will think fitt to prevent.

I most humbly recommend to you that Caution be used in assenting to some Laws which I understand are prepared and whereby his Lordships Interest will evidently suffer detrimēt without a Sale or at least of their not taking effect till his Lordships pleasure be known that his Lordship may have time (if he shall think it proper) to square his proceedings to the tenour of such laws.

I am Yr. Gracious humble Serv^t

Cha: Canoll

Which being by his Excellency the Governour Recommended to both Houses of Assembly for their opinion thereon, It is humbly the opinion of these Conferences first that his Lordship having signified to this General Assembly his acceptance of the 15th pth on consideration of his Lordships taking his Quitt Rents in Tol^l & 2^d pth which is now passing into a Law the said Mr^r Canoll or other legally Qualified by his Lordship to receive the same may be payed it by the officers in whose hands. It is lodged & when pay^t will be confirmed by that Law when passed.

But as to the 15th pth residue of the said 2^d and nine pence, It appears to these Conferences that that sum was raised to his Majesty for the support of the Governour of this Province and by the late King as well as his present Majesties Instructions three pence pth of that sum has always been applied to the purchasing arms and ammunition &c. and the rest for the support of the Governour for the time being actually residing here & on consideration of such application the Legislature of this Province has always been more ready to raise that sum always intending it should be so applied, and therefore wee hope his Lordship never intended contrary to the end of its being raised and to the Instructions from the Crown to receive any part of that money himself. It seeming probable if he had so designed he would have employed some other person than Mr^r Canoll to receive it, unless Mr^r Canoll had promised his Lordship to take the oath to the Governour which that money was raised to support without which by the Laws of this Province in force for many years past he could not be qualified for such service.

And therefore it is the opinion of these Conferences that the publick welfare of this Province is so far interested and concerned in the due application of that impost for the Hon^{or} and better Govern^{mt}