

The Condition on which your Lordships were pleased to give up the Quiet Rents and Alienation Fines (which we take to be the impost of two Mills p<sup>h</sup> 2<sup>d</sup>) is to be esteemed a favour & special service your Lordships Design is directed for the relief of the poor and more Indigent part of the people a regard that justly obliges us to be dutifully thankful, and when we lie under such a sense of obligation it is with pleasure we reflect on y<sup>e</sup>. agreeable Expedient that at once renders the receipt of your Majesties Advantages and easy to your Majesties and at the same time encourages the Improvement of your Majesties Dominion by making the payment easy to the people - On this occasion we humbly remark that y<sup>e</sup>. Money we as is appropriated to y<sup>e</sup>. Support of your Lordships Government has formerly been and yet is raised on no other Consideration y<sup>e</sup>. we can think of than the necessity of having the Government supported for the common good of itself and y<sup>e</sup>. people, the only Ends we desire it to be applyed to and tho' we are under no apprehension of a Misapplication thereof under your Lordships present Establishment, and have therefore in great measure conform'd to the Directions Given by your Majesties, yet we must be leave humbly to offer y<sup>e</sup>. it seems but reasonable as we bear a part in the raising that Revenue for the Support of Government it may be thought our duty to take care of the application of it for as we shall always Esteem it our duty to be faithful to your Majesties we must in Compliance therewith be just to our Country.

May it please your Majesties -

Your Lordships Instructions relating to ordinary Licences has been Communicated to us this Session by your Lordships Lieut. Governour by which your Lordships are pleased to, Insist upon the Fines to be layd upon Ordinary keepers as a right to your Majesties by prerogative, on which we observe our predecessors in all the proceedings & Assemblies of the late Reigne have maintained their pretensions that such Fines could not be imposed or Levied without the Consent of the people here - against the most pressing importunities of the late Secretary tho' he had obtained the late Majesties order in Council in his favour when the Government of this Province was immediately under the Crown.

We presume your Majesties Secretaries are not unacquainted with the reasons then offered in your favour and we hope they may have yet some weight.

We should think ourselves justly liable to y<sup>e</sup>. censures of those we represent if we should now give up to your Lordships