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From the treatment he met with a few days before upon his refusal, to make such reasonable Acknowledgement of his Insolent and Insolent behaviour to our Governour in the Court of Chancery and elsewhere, as was required of him by your Lordships Letter to him for that purpose, this gives a great deal of reason to believe of the subtle insinuations and false allegations of that person, presented upon those Eminent Gent of the Law, to give their opinions as they have been transmitted to us.

We humbly submit to your Lordships Opinions that Lawes made against persons & not facts if not unjust, are at least demerited, but such was the case of that particular person, that frequent excuses brought on repeated transgressions, and pardoning instead of humbling him, made him so much the more Insolent.

Whereupon the Legislative power being all Authority of Government, slighted and contemned, took in hand the affair, and made the act aforesaid as the only effectual discouragement to such like Practices for the future.

But for as much as your Lordships have been pleased to disprove of the manner of taking any particular Clause, to Generall bills, we have so just a deference for your Lordships Opinion in the Case that we have now proceeded to remedy the said evil by two distinct Lawes.

My Lords we make noe Question but that the advancement of Learning within your Province will be a very acceptable thing to you yet for as much as the narrow Circumstances of an Infant Country (all our funds raised for that purpose falling far short of the end Designed) will not alone afford sufficient encouragement thereto which layes us under the necessity of addressing your Lordships upon this occasion, for altho' the Condition of most of the people here has little Claim to a truly generous and Liberal Education yet abundance of youth, now growing up, are unhesily destitute of those Common Improvements which Nature hath made them very Capable of for the rendering them better Christians, better Subjects to his Majesty and better qualified persons for the Just Discharge of the severall trusts, to which your Lordships or Successors may have occasion to appoint them, as well in the offices of State as in the distribution of Justice and all other the exigencies of life.

We humbly begg leave to lay before your Lordships that by an act of Parliament of the 25th of King Charles the second a duty of one penny p^{ce} was laid on all tobaces transported from plantation to plantation the whole of which Revenue by the Royall Donation of the late King William the third of Glorious Memory was appropriated