

ceedings, your Lordship has been apprised what those Laws, Customs and Usages are, we hope your Lordship will require no further Satisfaction in this Point, if you are but pleased to give any Credit to the Representatives of your Tenants; and then we hope your Lordship will not suffer any Alteration to be made by the Opinions or Resolutions of others.

XII. We are glad to find your Lordship has taken Notice of our Debates concerning the Allowances claimed by your Lordship's Council of State: If on our Side of the Argument Moderation was wanting, yet we hope your Lordship found good Reason there; for we, therein, agreed as we now do, That they deserve their Reward. But for that, ample Provision was made by the Act that raised the Twelve Pence *per* Hoghead, and as it was annually raised by that Duty, it ought not to be annually levied by Poll-Tax again upon the People. Your Lordship is pleased to mention that Act, as raising the Twelve Pence *per* Hoghead towards the maintaining the Dignity and Station of your Lieutenant Governour, and for such other Uses as to you should seem meet: But now we beg your Lordship to be informed, that the Act it self mentions it otherwise, *viz.* That in the Absence of the Lord Proprietary himself out of the Province, One Shilling, &c. be applied towards the maintaining the Station and Dignity of his Lordship's Lieutenant Governour actually inhabiting and residing within this Province, and such other necessary Uses towards the Support and Defence of the Lord Proprietor's Government of this Province, as in his Lordship's Wisdom to him shall seem meet. If therefore your Lordship pleases to deduct the present Support you allow your Lieutenant here, from the Total Annual Amount of that Duty, your Lordship will undoubtedly find a large Residue; which, in our humble Opinion, ought, by the express Terms of the Act, to be applied to the other necessary Uses of Government. And, by comparing this Paragraph with the next Paragraph before it in the Act, your Lordship will find the Intent of the Act plain, that no Part of it was intended for your Lordship's private Use; and we know ~~not~~ not how it's otherwise applied, tho' we hope your Lordship will allow it to be our Right and Duty to enquire into the Application of all Sums that are tax'd upon us.

Your Lordship rightly observes, That at the making the Act, it was not so much as surmised, that their (the Councillors) Support should come from you: The Support we speak of, does not come from You, but from the Country on whom it's raised. And, as for any Reasons that might have moved your Lordship to dissent to that Act, they rest with your Lordship: But if your Lordship had dissented to it, we should have born it patiently, on the Consolation of our having acted like loyal hearty Subjects, that had offered to raise an honourable and plentiful Revenue for the Support of Government we lived under, but that it was rejected. This could have fix'd no Blame upon us, but what we well might bear. As to the other Part of that Act which your Lordship seems to speak of, when You are pleased to say, "You know what you part with by it, but that you are contented since You have allowed it for the *Common Good*," we very gratefully acknowledge your Lordship's kind Intentions in parting with (what you suppose to be) your interest by that Act for the *Common Good*. But, as your Lordship seems to think it for the *Common Good*, we hope your Lordship's Share of it sufficiently answers for what you part with by it, of which your Lordship will be more fully convinced by comparing your Revenue of Two Shillings arising from that Act, either with the Profits of your Ancestors, or with an unaugmented View of what could possibly be raised from your Lordship's present Roll, when