

sense and desire of doing Good, opposed the same, altho' they may have been Mistaken in Point of Judgment.

From many Consequences we find, that this Government hath for some Time past, pursued it's own Profit and Benefit, but how far that turns to the Public Good, those who are sensible thereof will best Judge, and we humbly conceive, that when the Representative Body of the People refuse any Advantage offered, it must proceed from an Error in Judgment, thro' want of due Reflection or impartial Deliberation, which we shall, from your kind Recommendation, make the best use of we are Capable, in what Affairs shall come before us.

This House is not acquainted with the Disposition of the Clergy in point of their Forty *per* Poll, and shall always bear a just Regard to that Reverend Body, nor attempt to intrude any Terms on them which may not suit their own Inclinations to Accept of, but shall always be ready and willing to receive such Proposals as they may judge suitable to make. Your Excellency is pleased to Vouch for his Lordship's Officers good Inclination for the Public Good, This is in your Excellency's Power to Command; nor do we see any Reason to join the Income of the Church and State on the present Occasion, the former being grounded on Law, the latter not. This House have so many recent Instances of the People of this Province being made a Property to his Lordship's Officers, and the many Evils that proceed therefrom, that they are under the greatest Apprehension of every Instance or Act that may put them into their Power or Mercy, the Effects of which hath too often, and daily doth, demonstrate itself in the Ruin and Oppression of many. We wish we had not good Reason to be assured, that the little Credit given by his Lordship's Officers to a Currency struck by his Lordship and the People here, on the best Security, has not been the Means in a great manner to depreciate the same. We acknowledge it is of the utmost Importance to this Province, to Circulate and give a Credit to their Currency, but the former Reasons, and the great Apprehension of further Evil, will weigh with us to let it take it's Chance on the Foundation whereon it now stands, which we are well assured must give it a due Credit in Time, against all the Attempts and Designs of the Enemies to that and our Welfare.

As we judge our Attempts or Endeavours would be Fruitless and Dangerous in relation to a General Law relating to the Paper Currency, we shall at present decline entering thereon. And we humbly conceive, that it is in his Lordship's, his Minister's, and Officer's Power, to encourage the Settlement of the Back and Remote Parts of this Province, but how far that is done by the Excessiveness of Fees in Offices, and the High Terms of Rents at present reserved (far exceeding any Thing of the Kind in any other Part of his Majesty's *American* Dominions that we know of) shews it self. Whatever lies in our Power shall be done with utmost Cheerfulness to promote the Enlargement of his Majesty's Empire and Dominion in this Province, by encouraging the Settlement of these Back and Remote Parts, in Hopes that thereby the Export may be increased