

We have now prepared a Bill for an Honourable Support of Government, which is sent to the Upper House, and hope it will Pass into a Law, which will manifest the desire this House has of cultivating a good understanding betwixt the Government and People, to perfect which, nothing on our Part shall be wanting, and we doubt not of your Excellency's Endeavours and Concurrence, to so desirable an End.

We therefore pray your Excellency, for quieting the Minds of the People we represent, and to preserve to them the Rights of *British* Subjects, that from whatever mistake or misapprehension, that Duty has lately been raised, the same may now cease.

The Report mentioned in the foregoing Address, is as follows, *Viz.*

‘ *By the Committee of Aggrievances and Courts of Justice, May 21. 1739.*

‘ **I**N Pursuance, as well of an Order of your House of the 15th Instant
 ‘ given to your said Committee, directing them to Inspect the Laws
 ‘ by which the Officers Receive the several Duties on Tobacco in this
 ‘ Province, and to make Report thereof, as of an Order, Instruction and
 ‘ Power given by your House to your said Committee, to send for Books,
 ‘ Persons, Papers and Records, your said Committee beg leave to acquaint your House,

‘ That they did on the 15th Instant in the Forenoon, by Letters signed
 ‘ by their Clerk, by Order of your said Committee, give Notice unto the
 ‘ several Naval Officers of this Province, being *James Hollyday, Esq;*
 ‘ *George Plater, Esq;* *Benjamin Tasker, Esq;* *Philip Lee, Esq;* and
 ‘ *Col. Levin Gale*, to attend your said Committee at Three of the Clock
 ‘ in the Afternoon of the same Day, in order to inform them by what
 ‘ Laws of this Province they Receive the several Duties now taken on
 ‘ Tobacco: Instead of whose Attendance in pursuance of the said Notice,
 ‘ your said Committee in the aforesaid Afternoon, received a Writing informing them, that the said Naval Officers had severally received Letters from the Clerk of your said Committee, dated on the aforesaid 15th Instant, desiring them to attend at three of the Clock the said Afternoon: And that they had laid the said Letters before the Upper House of Assembly, who were of Opinion, that it was not consistent with the Dignity of their House, to suffer their Members to attend the Lower House of Assembly, much less any Committee of it; but that there might not be the least Pretence, of any Hindrance given to the Public Business, they thought it proper to acquaint your said Committee,
 ‘ That they Collect *Twelve Pence Sterling per Hogshead*, by virtue of an Act of Assembly, entituled, *An Act for Settlement of an annual Revenue upon her Majesty's Governor within this Province for the Time being*, made in *September 1704*: That they Collect *Three Pence Sterling per Hogshead*, by virtue of an Act for raising a Duty of *Three Pence per*
 F ‘ Hogshead