

In the first Part of the Preamble, it is set forth, " That it doth not appear to this present General Assembly that there is any Law now in force to raise a sufficient Support for the purpose mentioned in the Bill," in which Assertion we cannot agree with you, and we have the Happiness to be supported in our Opinion by the Words used towards the latter Part of the Preamble of that Bill, wherein it is said, " That it is not the Intention of this Assembly to deprive the Right Honourable the present Lord Proprietary of a sufficient and honourable Support for his Government and Governor for the Time being in and over this Province: " By this it is necessarily implied, that his Lordship has a Right and Title at this Time to such a sufficient and honourable Support as he may be deprived of, this is very true, but contrary to the former Allegation of no Law to raise a sufficient Support, since the perpetual Law of 1704 raises that Support; and further, we apprehend no Power less than a legislative One, can deprive him of that Right which is declared by the Bill not to be the Intention of the Legislators: But be pleased to consider, how well that Declaration, and the Continuance of this Bill for Three Years, agrees with some Arguments in the Preamble fetched from temporary Laws being Enacted, as if such temporary Laws destroyed the perpetual Law of 1704; and as we are inclinable to believe there is no Intention to deprive his Lordship of a sufficient and honourable Support of Government, we cannot think it adviseable by Passing this Bill to afford another Instance of a temporary Law, since such strange Inferences, not warranted by any Rules whatever, are drawn from temporary Laws, and our Conduct in this Matter must appear the more Satisfactory to you, since the grand Reason of that Bill seems only to be, " in order to assert and maintain that principal and most essential Branch of Liberty which the Assembly conceives themselves entitled to as Subjects of *Great Britain*, of not being liable to the Payment of any Money, Tax, Impost or Duty, except such as shall be warranted, raised and assessed by Laws made by themselves and the other Branches of the Legislative Body." If this is the true Motive, and no Intention to deprive his Lordship of the Support of Government, it must be more reasonable and even necessary to make a Perpetual rather than a Temporary Law, since on the one hand the End proposed of not being liable to any Tax, &c. but such as should be warranted by Laws made by themselves, would in this particular be fully answered, and on the other hand the Intention of not depriving his Lordship of the Support of Government, would be put beyond any possibility of Doubt: And we have the less reason to apprehend your difference in Sentiments with ours on this head, since by the Act of 1704, only *Twelve Pence* per Hog-head is raised, which by this Bill is admitted to be a proper and necessary Support for Government, so that by any perpetual Law now to be made his Lordship would not be entitled to more than what the perpetual Law of 1704 gives him.

Further, the Body or Enacting Part in the Bill contains some Appropriations or Uses perfectly new in Bills of this kind; and upon the whole, we rest assured you will think us well justified in rejecting that Bill.

Signed per Order, *J. Rojs*, Cl. Up. Ho.

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