

ship's Officers good Inclination for the Publick 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 towards Bettering his Majesty's Revenue, and the Trade of our Mother Country *Great-Britain*, as also the Advantages that may consequently ensue to the Province.

We shall have a due Regard to any useful Laws which may Expire with this Session. The Security, Defence and Safety of this Province is so near and dear to us, that we shall be always ready and willing to do every thing requisite and necessary to so good an End, and we assure your Excellency, that your Recommendations shall always have their due Weight with us. The Account which your Excellency has been