

A PROTESTANT Governor, in Compliance with their Requests—ran through Hazards and Difficulties from the Obstructions of *some People*—Papists and Adherents to the late Establishment, without Doubt—they, and they only, were the People who would have deprived them of the Felicity of having a *Protestant* Governor, a Governor too, who, upon the benevolent and honourable Motive of laying a Foundation for their “lasting Happiness, and that of their Posterities, had, without being daunted, run through Hazards and Difficulties.”

AFTER having explained his own Merit, and sufficiently intimated on whom they were to vent any ill Humours, they might have, he proceeded to discharge an indispensable Part of his Duty by telling them, that, “among the Laws they were to make, he was obliged by his Instructions to recommend to them this in *particular*, to wit, the raising *further* Supplies for the Support of the Governor, and the defraying the necessary Charges of Government, in which he “hoped they would come short of none of their [ *b* ] neighbouring Colonies.”

THIS well adapted Speech produced a proper Address to his Excellency; and, what were probably deemed to be of more Consequence, a very favourable Mention of him in an Address to the Throne, and a bountiful Provision for his Support; for, in their Address to their Majesties, they return Thanks that “they had sent a Protestant Governor, of whose loyal Candour, and Integrity, as their Majesties had had *good Experience*, so, the [ *c* ] *small* Time he had been in the Province, he had given them *that Assurance*, as *most humbly and sincerely to bless and praise Almighty GOD*, and to give their Majesties their cordial Thanks *therefore*,” and the important Business, which Mr. *Copley* had particularly recommended to the Assembly, of *further Supplies*, engaged their Attention.

TILL this Session of Assembly, from the Year 1671, there had been a Duty of One Shilling per Hoghead, out of which “a competent Salary to the Governor, and an Encouragement to the Privy Council, that, without Prejudice to their Private Affairs, they might reasonably be required to attend unto Public Concernments, were directed to be allowed, and a constant Magazine to be maintained with Arms and Ammunition.”

BUT, a Proportion of this Shilling not being sufficient “to support the Honour and Dignity of the Governor” after the Revolution, the whole was, by a perpetual, or indefinite Act, given to him.

THE Title of the Act was “for Settlement of an annual Revenue upon their Majesty’s Governor, for the Time being,” and the Recitals of it contained the most severe Reflections on the Conduct of Lord *Baltimore*.

BUT the Business of *further Supplies* was not at an End, when the One Shilling per Hoghead was *entirely* given to the Governor; for another Act was passed entitled “A Supplementary Act to the Act entitled An Act for Settlement of an annual Revenue upon their Majesty’s Governor within this Province, for the Time being,” by which an Addition of Three Pence per Hoghead, on all Tobacco exported during Three Years, was granted to the Governor.

AN Act also passed “regulating Ordinaries,” and the Profit from the Licences was also granted to the Governor, for Three Years. In the City of *St. Mary’s*, the Licences were settled at Two Thousand Pounds of Tobacco; and, in other Parts of the Province, at Twelve Hundred.

AN Act also “for settling Naval Officers within this Province, gave Two Pounds Sterling to the Governor, for Entering and Clearing Vessels Trading into this Province, except Sloops trading between *Virginia* and this Province, for which only Ten Shillings Sterling were to be paid.” This Act was indefinite.

By another Act, entitled “An Act for Limitation of Officers Fees,” besides the Seals, the Governor was allowed Fees on the issuing of Writs, and on other Proceedings.

AN Act also entitled “An Act for prohibiting Trade with the *Indians*, &c.” was passed, inflicting the very heavy Penalty of Ten Thousand Pounds of Tobacco, besides the Loss of the

“and proper to the present State and Condition of this Province, that they do, Nemine Contradicente, Vote the Thanks of the same to be returned to his Excellency.”

[ *b* ] In consequence of this Part of his Excellency’s Speech, an Enquiry was made into the Amount of the Revenue from Tobacco in Virginia, and Mr. *Blakiston* was examined for the Information of the Lower House in this Article.

[ *c* ] About one Month.