

foreign to the Purpose: And if Col. *Bland* will stick to this, I think all that is worth debating about, between us, is at an End; for it must appear, from what I have already offer'd to the Public, not only, that such an Act was Unnecessary, but that the Nature of Things do not admit of a possibility for such an Act to be necessary. For how, in the Name of Wonder, can any Calamity, tho' set off with all the aggravations of Col. *Bland's* fruitful Pen, make it Necessary to take from the Poor and Needy, and distribute the principal part of what is so taken, among the Rich and Wealthy; nay, among the Gainers by that very Calamity? That the Clergy are, and must be, Poor, I will borrow a Proof from Col. *Bland*, who says, that they never generally receiv'd for one Year, so much as an Hundred and Forty-four Pounds Current Money a piece: And that they, who were to be Benefited by the Detriment of the Clergy, are chiefly the Rich and Wealthy, and many of them great Gainers by the Calamity, has been sufficiently shewn already. This Point needs no farther illustration. However, take the following: If there had been a Proposal for an Indulgence to such as were used to raise Tobacco to pay their Levies with, and could not raise it in the Scarce Year, that they might be excused from paying any Thing that Year, provided they should be obliged to pay the full Value next Year, according to the Price which the Clergy had actually sold the rest of their Income at, in the scarce Year; would not the Clergy have agreed to this? Was not this, or something like this, all that could be Necessary? And if so, could the Act which went so much farther, be Necessary? If there should be some Necessity for departing a little from *the establish'd Rule of Right*, as Col. *Bland* Justly calls it, Can there be any Necessity for going Beyond the Demands of Real Necessity?