

particular Acts came to be taken Notice of by the Body of the Clergy. When some of them applied to Governor *Dinwiddie* to beseech a Negative on the General Two Penny Act in 1755, he, readily condemning the Act, as contrary to Law, Justice, and his Instructions, at first Approved of their Petition, and finally gave no Reason for Rejecting it (besides his Fear of Displeasing the People) but that the Act confirm'd by the Crown had been already broken through by the particular Acts: And for a Proof of this, he was pleased to call in Col. *Tucker of Norfolk*, as an Evidence: The Clergy hereupon took this Matter into consideration, and found the particular Acts not only grievous in their own Nature, but used as steps and precedents for injuring the whole Clergy. I have charged Col. *Bland* with the want of Truth and Ingenuity in many Instances; to Trace out every one of which would carry me farther than there is any need to go on this Occasion; however, that I may not appear to have made this Charge without sufficient Reason, I shall single out a few Capital ones: The first that I shall mention, concerns a Matter of Fact asserted in the most positive manner, as thus, " I myself have heard the Minister of *Norfolk* (who lives in great Harmony with his Parishioners, and is much Esteem'd and Respected by them) declare, he was perfectly satisfied with it (the *Norfolk* Act) " and I believe it would be no difficult Matter " to prove, that he fell under the severe censure of these Memorialists because he refused to enter into their Measures." To which, I answer, I myself have heard the same Minister, since the Publication of this confident Assertion, Declare before Evidences, that he did not know there was any such Act as the above in Agitation, 'till long after it had been Passed; and, that from the Moment in which it came to his Knowledge,

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