

Liber M C deprived by Law of dues for so Great and Good a Service done and effected by them and principally for your Lordships Honour and Glory Notwithstanding all this it should be required at their hands to pay themselves a Levy upon themselves we much wonder also that your honour should Consider or think much that a few Cattle not above 11 or 12 Cowes at the most of your Lordships known Clear stock and those Conquered again to your Lordship and taken from the unlawful Possessor should be distributed among those men who had ventured and hazarded their Fortunes lives and Estates in the defence recovery and preservation of your Lordships Province especially those very Cattle being ingaged with all other your Lordships Estate here both by M^r Calvert & M^r Lewger to the Soldiers here in Consideration for their hire and wages and lastly we wonder that such Exactions should be made & required upon a People and those your faithful and Loyal Friends who had Conquered the Place many of them as yet being unsatisfied and Groaning under their late heavy Sufferings which have been great indeed when as we can make it Clearly appear to your Lordship that we have Already satisfied and paid out of our own Labour and Effects towards the Recovery Preservation and Sole defence of your Lordships Province 60000^l Tobacco which is far more (my Lord) than all our recovered estates in the Province were then worth had they been sold at Outcry and further that such strait Conditions of Plantation should be proposed and demanded by your Lordship as serve only to make the Place desolate of Spirritual Comfort especially nevertheless such are the Loyal Affections and hearty well wishes of us your Lordships Poor friends towards your honour that we really suppose and verily Believe all former mistakes and less well understandings that have happened between your hon^r and us for these many years have proceeded only from meer mistakes and misinforments that your Honour is unfortunately subject to have of us at so vast a distance there is from your Honour and being now Cordially desirous justly and unanimously to express a willing forwardness to give your Lordship all just and hoñble satisfaction that can be expected from a People at present so illeterate and void of that understanding and Comprehension necessary for a mature and wise discussion of such a Body of Laws as is now proposed by your Lordship to be assented unto by us for perpetual Laws as we acknowledge ourselves to be and whereas we have with much Sollicitude and Earnest endeavour according to our weak understanding read over Perused and debated upon all the aforesaid Body of Laws so proposed unto us by your honour in Reall desires in deed in Compliance with your Lordship of receiving them as Laws but in Conclusion finding them so long and tedious containing withal so may several Branches and