

ity of the Country, the Conversion whereof into money, and C. P.
from money into Bills, must be a Vexatious, Expensive,
and almost an Endless an Insuperable task; I shall say no
more at present, but pray for the Continuance of the
Agreement.

The next Concern you and the people in point of money
Interest are Engaged in, is the 15 pence for the Support
of Government; The people are but too sensibly apprized,
that that Support is in their own free Choice, to the which
you Cannot Oblige them.

And Surely it is the greatest Advantage that can be had
over a Government, and things can never go well in the
plantations, whilst the Planters are so generally proud, pet-
ulant and Ignorant, and have the Common necessary Sup-
port of Government so much under their thumb

This Supriority, as I may term it, of the people over the P. 10
Government, seems Unaturall, and is I am sure repugnant to
the very End for which Government was Instituted, Viz. An
Authoritative Influence for the good order of Society.

I am in hopes, that the present Contest on this Subject with
relation to New England, will so far be determined next Ses-
sion of Parliament, as to Vindicate the rights of Government
in Generall, and awe such as have not yet, thô they may be
ready to play the New England Game; It would be Extreemly
happy for your Ease and Quiet, should the Parliament in
Some Vote or Law include all the Governments in the Plan-
tations so far as to provide an Establishm^t Certain for the
Support of the Several Governments; As I know not here
how affairs of that nature do or may stand at home I shall
give you a short Sketch of the footings on which, the Support
of Government hath hitherto stood in this Province; Lord
Cecilius had 12 pence p^r Hgd. During Life our Grandfather
Lord Charles had the same, with the Additional Extension
for and during the life of his Eldest Son Cecilius in case he P. 11
survived him, Viz. for their two Successive Lives. After the
Revolution, when the Crown assumed the Governm^t; The 12
pence p^r Hgd. for Support of Government was by Act of As-
sembly taken away from our Grandfather, and Vested in
the Crown, for that use for Ever; This was in 1692 Gov^r Cop-
ley's Time, after Various revisals and renewments of the Laws
by Orders of the Crown, I find in Gov^r Seymours time, Viz.
in Sept. 1704 was Enacted An Act, Entituled

An Act for Settlement of an Annuall Revenue on her Maj-
esties Governour within this Province for the time being.

Whereas by An Act of Assembly &c formerly made &c.
and so recites the Act for settling 2^s p^r Hgds on the Lord Pro-
prietary Viz 1^s for acceptation of Rents in Tobacco at 2 pence