

C. P. p^r pound, and 1^s p^r Hgd. for the Support of his Governm^t &c
 By this Act, As the Government was out of his Lordships
 p. 12 hands, they settle s^d 1^s p^r Hg^d (before Settled and Intended
 for the Support of Government) for the future to be levied
 and paid unto the Queen her heirs and Successors for the Sup-
 port of her Government, for the time being in and over this
 Province.

This Law amongst many others, was in April 1715 whilst
 M^r Hart acted under the Crown revised and reenacted. By
 all this you will perceive that the Proprietary's had at least for
 life the 1^s p^r Hgd. for the Support of Government, and the
 Crown had a Settlement therein for Ever.

I now Come to the restoration of the Government to the
 Proprietary. Our fathers time was so short as not to Afford
 any transactions of this kind; When it Devolved on you, the
 Country found themselves engaged to pay their rents in Money
 according to the Patents, for the 1^s p^r Hgd. premium for Accep-
 tance of Rents in Tobacco or 2 pence p^r pound, determined
 with our Grandfathers life. Therefore you and the Country
 negotiated the Agreement which hitherto from time to time
 p. 13 hath been renewd, Viz. 2^s p^r Hgd. in full lien of all Rents and
 fines; This being to be Confirmed and Established by Law,
 the Assembly Collected the Severall Imposts on Tobacco into
 one Law, and so by one United Act Settled, the 2^s for Rents
 and fines, the former 1^s for support of Governm^t to w^{ch} (having
 Enlarged the Gauge and Tare of Hogsheads) they Added 3
 pence more, Viz. 15 pence in the whole. Now as herein was
 the Composition for y^r Rents, L^d Guilford doubtless thought
 it not proper to Confirm such Agreement for a longer time
 than your minority, That when you Came of Age, you might re-
 main at full and Unquestionable Liberty to Continue, alter, or
 totally Dissolve such a Composition, Therefore was the Law
 pro tempore only and by it, the Revenue for the Support
 of Government; which used to be for longer Continuance as
 above related became as temporary as the Composition for
 Rents. An Error, whether Designd or not by the then As-
 sembly, very mischievous in its Consequences to you at present.

p. 14 How this Inconvenience can now be avoided is worth Con-
 sideration, and I wish it may be found practicable; The rea-
 son of a more certain Settlement of the Support of Govern-
 ment, is in the Sense of all Sober people, confessedly with us,
 and the rule and Custom all Along in this province, seem to
 Evince it; but I fear little dependence is to be had, on the
 operation such reason may have in the minds of the Male-
 volent; But at all Adventures, I would recommend the taking
 the best advices, how it might behove us to proceed in Case