

That such doings will augm^t the Terror with all the bad Consequences of it, That it is improbable the province can pay all those Bonds Bills and arrears in many years in ready tob: that the house would consider some Way that such Debts may be more easily paid and that without such terror and dread of Imprisonm^t Which may perhaps in some measure (at least in the [terror of it]) if his Lordps Agents and all publique [officers be restrained] from having Writts of Execution by [Ca. Sa., but only by fi. fa.] for 2 or 3 years & that negroes [and servants be exempted] from such Executions and that husbandry [be more] encouraged by making Wheat and other Grain pay especially for Bonds or Bills past for Land at a greater Rate then in the p^rsent Act for encouraging Tillage &c. considering the tob: such Difficult years as this excepted) is now at lower price then when that Act was made. That it is reasonable for his Lordp to take any produce of Land in paym^t for Warr^{ts} because after he had induced people to inhabit this province by that Condition of plantations by way of Rights, which was expected to have perpetually continued, His Lordp (notwithstanding the people by possessing considerable part of the Land and by forming an Assembly by their Delegates seem to have had so great a share and Interest in the Welfare of this province and things relating to reallity) made alteration of the former Conditions without their Assents, And though the present Condition of plantations be moderate; yet the p^rmises considered he having made such alteration without consent of the people may accept with reason such pay as the province is at p^rsent capable of affording, proposed further that the fees of his Lordps Officers being to be exacted from the people of this province may be ly^mited by Law, It being most unreasonable that any authority should be in this province, uncontroulable by the Legislative power thereof.

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Upon reading the Above Report, Tho: Smithson Chairman The house are of Opinion that the Law has already provided ag^t the said Agrievances.

House adjourns for two hours.

Post Meridiem the house met and upon calling over the following Members were absent Viz^t

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Mr Watson Col: Hanson Major Smith Major Dorsey Mr Hutchins Major Dent Mr Hutchison Mr Boothby Major Maxwell Mr Smith Major Ennalls Mr Scarborough Col Herman & Col: Codd.

Mr Edward Boothby appeared in the house.

Capt. John Bayne [Capt.] Thomas [Waughop Mr.] Edw^d Boothby and Major James Maxwell [having tendered their