

deemed Severe, But such was the case of that particular person, that frequent excuses brought on repeated transgressions and pardoning instead of humbling him, made him so much the more insolent. L. H. J.

Whereupon the Legislative power, seeing all Authority of Government Slighted & contemned, took in hand the affair, and made the Act aforesaid as the only effectuall Discouragement to such like practices for the future. p. 148

But forasmuch as your Lordships have been pleased to disapprove of the Manner of tacking any particular clause, to a Generall bill, We have so Just a Deference to your Lordships' Opinion in the case that we have now proceeded to remedy the s<sup>d</sup> Evill by two distinct laws.

My Lords.

We make noe Question but that the Advancement of learning within this your Province will be a very Acceptable thing to you yet forasmuch as the narrow Circumstances of an Infant Countrey (all our funds raised for that purpose falling farr Short of the end designed) will not alone afford Sufficient Encouragment thereto, which lays us under a Necessity of Addressing your Lordships upon this Occasion, for altho the condition of most of the people here has little claim to a truly Generous and Liberall education yet abundance of Youth, now Growing up, are Unhappily destitute of those Common Improvements which Nature hath made them very Capable of for the rendering them better Christians better Subjects to his Majesty, and better Qualified persons for the Just discharge of the Severall trusts, to which your Lordships or your Successors may have occasion to Appoint them, as well in the offices of State, as in the Destribution of Justice and all other the Exegencys of Life. p. 149

We humbly begg leave to lay before your Lordships that by an Act of Parliament of the 25<sup>th</sup> of King Charles the Second a duty of one penny p pound was laid on all Tobacco transported from Plantation to Plantation the whole of which revenue by the Royall Donation of the late King William the third of Glorious Memory was Appropriated to the building and maintaining a Colledge of learning in Virginia ever since w<sup>ch</sup> the good People of this Province have paid large Sumes of Money towards the Encouragment of learning there w<sup>ch</sup> the distance of the Place and the great charge of Schooling children hath made altogether useless to us, for such persons as are of Ability to defray such charge choose rather to educate their children in Great Britain, whilst the Middling Sort of people who only Stand in need for the Education of their