

The Law that relates to your Quitt Rents as it now Stands U. H. J.  
 took it's rise from my Observation of the wrongs done the  
 late Lord Propr<sup>y</sup> in the Collecting, and from the manifold  
 Inconveniencies and Difficultys the Tenants Labour'd under  
 in the paying them. In order to redress both, I proposed the  
 Expedient of Adding Six pence p<sup>r</sup> hh<sup>d</sup> to the 18<sup>d</sup> formerly given  
 to be in full Satisfaction for your Quitt Rents and Alienation  
 Fines

This with much Difficulty (as you may Remember) was  
 Obtained, And now after some years Experience I have the  
 pleasure to find no Propr<sup>y</sup> has Ever rece<sup>d</sup> so great an Annual  
 Income as the present Lord has done Since the passing that  
 Act, nor were Ever the Tenants better pleased or more Easy  
 in their Possession

It is Obvious my View in Laying this Scheme was purely  
 to promote a Comon good, this Obliged me to represent it to p. 5  
 their Lordships as I now recomend it to you, that it may be  
 again agreed on & Re-enacted, but that you may be Able to  
 Evince the Justice and Conveniency of this Act against the  
 designing Insinuations of its self-Interested Accusers who on  
 pretence of Friendship woud Impose on his Lordship to his  
 own and the Country's Damage, It will require your Care to  
 Compare the Value of the rents that have been annually Col-  
 lected on the former Establishment with the Sumes that have  
 been paid his Lordships Agent Since the Comencing this Act  
 that Lays the two Shillings on Each hh<sup>d</sup> Exported by which  
 his Lordship may the Better Judge of his Friends And the  
 Truth of this Position you have time before you And It is the  
 Concern of every Freehold<sup>r</sup> that falls under your Circum-  
 spection in this pticular.

I am Comanded by his Sacred Majestys Instructions, to  
 take Care that Trade in all its branches be duly regulated in  
 this his Province. I do therefore in his name recommend it to  
 you that the Ascertainig the Gauge and Tare of your Tob<sup>o</sup>  
 hh<sup>ds</sup> be not in any wise neglected on the Expiration of the  
 present Act

Gentl. The Claim made by the Papists of a right to hold all  
 Offices in this Government in an Equall degree with the Pro-  
 testants seems still to be kept on foot by them, Tho' some few  
 there are and very few of that pswasion whose prudence  
 renders them more Cautions, Yet I observe they all fforbear  
 making any Renunciation of their Pretensions, And altho the  
 many Defeats they have mett with during my Administration  
 May have discouraged them from an Open procedure, yet It p. 6  
 is highly probable they wait a more favourable Conjunction to  
 put their Designs in practice