

Resolved, That the Fines arising on Ordinary Licences are, and always have been, the undoubted Right of the Country; that the Lord Proprietary of this Province, by his Prerogative, can have no Right to impose or levy, by Way of Fine, Tax, or Duty, any Sum of Money on any Person whatsoever, or take to himself an such Fine, Tax, or Duty, imposed by any Law of this Province, which now is or hereafter may expire, without the Consent of the Representatives in General Assembly.

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Resolved, That the Lord Proprietary, in the Year 1717, by accepting the Fines on Ordinary Licences as a Gift from the People, under a Law, setting forth, that many tedious and chargeable Debates had happened concerning the Appropriation of 'em, which, it is mentioned in the same Law the Representatives of the good People of this Province had to that Time insisted cou'd not be made without their Assent thereto in a Law, and which the Delegates and Representatives as aforesaid, in that General Assembly, cou'd not depart from, did thereby consequentially Disclaim all Pretensions of Right to those Fines, by Prerogative, and by accepting them for many Years under the Continuance of that Act, did Acquiesce in the Right of the People to dispose of 'em.

Resolved, That the Message from the Upper House, of the 24th Instant, in the Part contending that the Emission of Four Thousand and Fifteen Pounds Six Shillings, according to the Intention of the Bill sent up by this House, as proposed to be amended (if an Amendment were necessary) in such Manner as might be agreeable to that House, for making that Emission as Current, of the same Value, and on the same Footing, with the Paper Currency, now actually in Circulation, to all Intents and Purposes, wou'd depreciate the Credit of our Paper Currency, does not give any Answer to the Reasoning of this House in their Message of 21st Instant, but is rather a Repetition of their Assertions in their former Message on that Head, and consequently, that the sole Reason of their Refusal to pass that Bill, must clearly appear to be the Appropriation of Ordinary Licence Fines, as designed by the Bill.

Resolved, That the Part of the said Message from the Upper House, endeavouring to shew the Lord Proprietary's Right to Ordinary Licence Fines, by Prerogative, does not in the least shew, that his Lordship, though he did Licence some few Persons in the Infancy and Ignorance of this Province, and at a Time when Prerogative made large Encroachments on the Rights and Privileges of the People, not only here, but even in our Mother Country (as may be shewn by many Instances, wou'd Time now permit) ever received any Thing by Way of Fine for those Licences; and it clearly appears, even from the Words of his Lordship's Proclamation about that Time (as recited in that Message) commanding all Ordinary-Keepers that had taken Licences to come and renew the same, that

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