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all publick Business there being so little ready money in the Province, We shall be ready to join in making a Declaration by a Law what shall be called publick Debt and what not and all other things that shall be found necessary for preservation of the publick Faith Indemnity of Officers in that Case & securing the Merchants & the Inhabitants of this Province from undue Seizures

6.<sup>th</sup> That Officers are Erected &c.

We answer that no new Officers are Erected that We know of but if there were Yet it is but what his Lordship hath power to do by his Pattent and whatsoever he lawfully doth by power of his Pattent must not be Styled a Grievance unless You mean to quarrel with the King who granted it Which do take Fees exceeding & Contrary to the Acts of Assembly, And upon these Words were Instanced the Fees of the Seal &c to the Chancellour only, To this We answer that there neither is nor ever was any Act of Assembly for Fees to the Chancellour True it is there was in Cap<sup>t</sup> Stones time an Act made for Secretarys fees Which allowed fifty pounds Tob<sup>2</sup> for every Instrum<sup>t</sup> under the Seal and fifty for recording it but nothing to the Chancellour then being viz. Cap<sup>t</sup> Stone and that but till a further Settlement so that it remains clearly as of right it ought in the Lord Proprietary by Proclamation or otherwise to settle the fees of his Chancellour & other Officers as he hath already done in the case of the Chancellours Fees

That Vexatious Informers &c

To this We answer that there neither is nor ever was any Informers authorized in this Province as in England is used that if any Person does his Duty in revealing mutinous & seditious Speeches spoken by any Person (as in the Case of Harris now instanced) to the Governour he is no Vexatious Informer,  
 P. 147 Those Persons being only properly to be called Vexatious Informers who make it a trade to Enquire into penal Laws where the Informer hath part of the Penalty for informing

For that upon the whole matter We cannot but exhort You to desire the Lower House that sent You to proceed to the publick Affairs of the Province & to tell them from the honourable the Lieutenant & Chief Governour that if they do yet persist to call his Lordships just Rights of consenting or not Consenting to Laws in what manner he hath it by his Pattent his power of erecting Courts and Officers & manner of proceeding in Courts at his pleasure according to his Pattent, and his appointing them the said Officers just & reasonable Fees the publick Grievances, & unless he will redress these Griev-