

1st. The Representatives of the people can assert no control over the territorial revenues of the Crown nor over fines and forfeitures, which are its hereditary patrimony, without committing violent injustice on the acknowledged prerogative of His Majesty. It is an act of grace to have applied these towards the payment of the Civil List, which should have been received with thanks, and no attempt whatever should have been encouraged by the intelligent part of the House of Assembly in Canada to seize and appropriate these, without the consent of the King. The whole strain of English history, and the unvarying usages of Parliament, bear me out in this position.

2nd. The duties accruing from the Imperial Act 18 Geo. 3. so often referred to, with the £5000 afterwards granted by the Provincial Legislature in 1795, constitute a fund for the support of the civil Government and the administration of justice, which is for ever placed beyond the control of the Representative body, unless they can contrive to obtain the Royal assent to repeal the two laws. The King by his simple veto can effectually prevent their interference; and he cannot be forced into the measure without dissolving the Government. Let the House then quietly and respectfully submit to let these duties pass towards the Salaries of the more necessary and essential officers of the government, and to allow the King, without murmuring, to subdivide and appropriate them according to his Royal will and pleasure. It is plain on constitutional principles, that they cannot dispossess the Crown of this fund without a desperate struggle, and without attacking the supremacy of Parliament. All the other Colonies in the West Indies and America, acquiesce in the exaction of duties imposed before the 18th Geo. III. and the Canadians should cheerfully accede to a rule which is of universal operation. While these duties are applied towards the necessary charges, incurred for the supply of the local government, any

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