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continue what support or revenue we shall raise, for any longer time than one year. Nor do we think it convenient to do even that, until such laws are passed, as we conceive necessary for the safety of the inhabitants of this colony, who have reposed a trust in us for that only purpose; and which we are sure you will think it reasonable we should act agreeable to, and by the grace of God we will endeavour not to deceive them.

The sentiments of this address still prevail among the people, and therefore the success of the present solicitations for a permanent, indefinite support will probably be in vain.

The matter has been often litigated with great fervency on both sides, and the example of the British parliament urged as a precedent for their imitation. To this it is answered, that the particular state of this province differs so widely from that of their mother-country, that they ought not in this respect to follow the custom of the commons. Their constitution, as some observe, is so imperfect in numberless instances, that the rights of the people lie, even now, at the mere mercy of their Governors; and granting a perpetual support, it is thought, would be in reality little less than the loss of every thing dear to them.

It must be confessed that many plausible arguments may be assigned in support of the jealousy of the house. A Governor has numberless opportunities, not proper to be mentioned, for invading the rights of the people, and insuperable difficulties would necessarily attend all the means of redress.

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