

“ The House having taken into Consideration the Message from his Majesty’s Council of the 11th Instant with their Objections, and such others as have been suggested, on the subject matter of farming the Duties, are of Opinion,

“ That the Method of Farming is so far from being unprecedented, that it is practised with Regard to the Excise, if not Impost, with great Advantage, in the neighbouring Colonies, particularly *New-York*, and the Duties of Impost and Excise were both farm’d in this Province formerly.

“ That there has been no complaint of Oppression, either in this or the neighbouring Colonies, where those Duties have been farm’d, nor do we apprehend there can be, while the Farmer is restricted by Law.

“ That to prevent the Inconveniencies, that may arise from the accidental lessening the Revenues, and thereby putting it out of the Power of the Farmer to pay the Sum agreed for, and from his not punctually paying the Money into the Treasury, proper care may be taken that he give sufficient Security.

“ That should the Farmer gain too much in one Year, the Revenues will undoubtedly fetch the more the ensuing Year.

“ That too great an Importation of Rum, &c. in one Year may be prevented, by taking the Stock when the Farmer’s Year commences, and when it expires, and he to receive the Duty for no more than is actually consumed within his District during the Year.

“ That sufficient Provision be made in the Act, that the Farmer for *Halifax* pay into the Treasury an equal Proportion of the Sum agreed for Monthly, and those of the *Outports* every *Three Months*, whether collected or not, and that it be in the power of the Governor and Council to remove the Farmer who does not comply with the same, and appoint proper Persons for