

sist without further grants, whereas the colony is now as far from being settled as at the first embarkation, tho' some hundreds of thousands have been expended.

Another grievance is employing military men in civil posts.

This is filling the pockets of a few men already supported by his Majesty who have no interest in the colony and little inclination to promote its progress, it being a matter of indifference to them whether it succeeds or not, and therefore it accordingly happens that from their haughty supercilious behaviour every branch of business under their care labours under great delay and difficulties, and besides the necessary employments, many others at no inconsiderable expence to the government are given them as sine cure's, such as a great number of overseers, military officers, and who have not an opportunity (being on out commands) of attending their duty from one years end to the another.

The last I shall mention to your Lordship and what has been fatal to the colony is, supporting and maintaining for these six years together a number of foreigners not in the least attached to the english government, a people always complaining notwithstanding, and who are not like to make the least effort towards a subsistence whilst they can be maintained without it.

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