

discouraging Industry in the present, or After-times. Now this is the great Point tending to render that Colony exceeding populous, the Practicability of which I have partly hinted already, and shall proceed to delineate more explicitly.

Let all the Lands from the Frontier (which I suppose half a Mile within the natural Boundary) to the Quantity of 300 Acres, be granted without any Quit-rent, saving a Barley-corn, revertible however to the Crown, in Case of not being cultivated within 7 Years after the Grant, or so much of it as is not then cultivated: From 300 to 400 Acres, at a Quit-rent of one Shilling *Sterling per Acre* annually, after 7 Years Possession; from 400 to 500 Acres, at 2 Shillings *Sterling per Acre*, after the like 7 Years Possession; from 500 to 600 Acres, at 4 Shillings *Sterling per Acre*, after the like Term of Possession; thus doubling the Quit-rent for every additional Hundred Acres. All these Quit-rents cease as the Lands become cultivated; but in the mean time to be received by the Treasurer of the Colony, chosen by its own Legislature, and applied by its Direction to support the Expence of Government; or in Default, to seize and sell the uncultivated Lands for Arrears of Quit-rent, to the best Bidder at publick Sale. By this Method