

warrantable manner, for he has caused one of his underlings to open a shop for the supply of the people employ'd to work for [the government, where in lieu of money they are paid in rum, brandy and other things at a most immoderate price; indeed the disadvantage of receiving their pay in this manner is in some measure made up to these people, by allowing them a fourth or a fifth part more for their work, than would be necessary if they received their pay in money, in due time; and as this difference comes from the King, who is very rich, perhaps the evil may not be tho't so great, as to give reason for complaint— Be that as it will the disadvantage, the trading people here suffer by this means, is a very great grievance, many of them having laid out great sums in buildings, and merchandize to supply such people with all the necessaries of life on the easiest terms, and have now no chance of selling any thing to them, while this man can withhold their money, and oblige them to take their pay in his shop at his own price. Here it will be natural for you to ask why complaint is not made to the Governour of this unparallel'd abuse; so I'll tell you, tis because the Governour is a military man, and favours no other but military men, and this leads me to the source of all the grievances, all the evils of this poor colony; a military government:

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