hundred Acres of good Land and to build on it a mansion House and convenient out Houses for the residence of the Minister, or for want thereof to pay him twenty Pounds annually in Lieu of them. By the said Act the Ministers are intitled to certain Fees mentioned therein for Marriages and giving Certificates thereof and for funeral Sermons. As no provision is made by the Act for the Presentation of the Minister it devolves to the Crown and is delegated to the Governor for the Time being by His Majesty's Instructions. There are thirteen Ministers now in the Province seven of whom have received Letters of Presentation and Induction from the present Governor.

All Military Provincial and Militia Officers are appointed by the Governor under the great Seal of the Province, and hold their Commissions during Pleasure. The Militia is appointed by Act of Assembly in 1764. This Act constitutes a Regiment of Militia for each County. The Number and strength of each Company is determined by the Number of Free Men and Servants within the County between the Age of sixteen and Sixty, who are not particularly exempted from Mustering by the said Act of Assembly.

The several Articles of Duty or Service from which Fees become due to the Officers before mentioned together with the Fees annexed to those Articles of Duty are in general Omitted reference being had to the Acts of Assembly for establishing these Fees particularly the Act passed in April 1748 for regulating the Officers Fees in the Province.

Wherever money is mentioned in the foregoing Paper unless Sterling Money is expressed, must be supposed to be the Currency of the Country which is legally 33 & 1/3 in value below Sterling, but in fact is eighty according to the Course of Exchange, that is one hundred Pounds Sterling is legally no more than one hundred and thirty three Pounds six Shillings & eight Pence Currency, but in fact is worth one hundred and eighty Pounds according to the present course of Exchanges.

It only remains to observe that a Naval Officer is established who appoints a Deputy at each of the Ports of Brunswick, Beaufort, Bath, Currituck and Edenton, a Collector at each of the Ports of Brunswick, Beaufort, Bath, Edenton and Currituck and a Comptroller at the Ports of Brunswick and Edenton only, the Duties of these Officers are purposely omitted here, as they are governed in the Execution of their several Offices by the several Acts of Trade, and the Instructions they receive from Time to Time from their respective Boards, to whom they Transmitt quarterly accounts of their Entries, Clearances and all Occurrences which happen in their several Departments.

North Carolina 1767.

William Tryon to the Earl of Shelburne

Earl Shelburne,

[Received Oct. 23, 1767]

My Lord,

By the Reports of the Committee of both Houses of Assembly met at Newbern the last General Assembly to state and settle the publick Accounts of this Province which I have the Honor to inclose to your Lordship, His Majesty may observe the low state of the Publick Fund of His Colony of North Carolina. I have taken every publick and private opportunity of recommending a Stricter examination into the Treasurers Receipts and disbursements of the Publick Money, and the urgent necessity of establishing Order and more Compulsive Regulations for the several Receivers, or Collectors of the Publick Money to account with the Treasurers.

The Treasurers have hitherto shewn so much illjudged Leinty towards the Sheriffs that upon a Medium the Sheriffs have embezzled more than one half of the Publick Money ordered to be raised and collected by them. It is estimated that the Sheriffs Arrear to the Publick amount to Forty thousand Pounds Proclamation Money not five thousand of which will possibly ever come into the Treasury, as in many thousand of which will possibly ever come into the Treasury, as in many thousand of which will possibly ever come into the Treasury.

The Treasurers Leinty or rather remissness in this material part of their Duty I construe to be founded on a Principle of Caution, for by not Interest among the Connections of these Delinquent Sheriffs and which I generally secure them a reflection in the next flatter myself some better Regulations will be established at the next.
General Assembly prorogued to the second of December, before which Time I much wish to be honoured with His Majesty's Commands relative to the Claims of the Council and Assembly in the nomination of the Treasurers, as recited in my Letter of the 31. of January last, as also in the Journals of both Houses.

I have the Honor to be, My Lord, with Real Esteem and Respect,

My Lord,

Your Lordship's most obedient and most humble Servant

Wm Tryon

[Sent by Mr Elwin, the Original — ]

1The public accounts through November 6, 1766, were enclosed and can be found in PRO CO 5/310, Part 2, ff. 195-198.

William Tryon to the Earl of Shelburne

Earl Shelburne

Brunswick 5th July 1767.

[Received Oct. 23, 1767]

My Lord,

In a decree in the Court of Vice Admiralty of this Province, condemning the Sloop Lucy, seized by Captain Morgan of His Majesty's Sloop the Hetmet, having Foreign Rum on Board it was ordered, among other Things, that the Collector for the Port of Beaufort should receive the Duties of four pence per gallon on all spirituous Liquors, on board the said Sloop agreeable to an Act of Assembly recited in the Decree. As this is the first Instance of any Duties being paid for Cargoes condemned here and sums contrary to the Intention of the Act of Parliament of the fourth of His present Majesty's Reign, I took Mr. Jones the Attorney General's Opinion, upon the Legality of this part of the Decree, and afterwards sent to the Judge of the Court to send me at large his Reasons for such an Order.

Having obtained these Informations I have the Honor to Transmit them to your Lordship, together with the Minutes and Decree of the Court requiring His Majestys Commands what further steps I should take, or what Conduct observe in any future Cases similar to this.

I am, My Lord with all possible Respect

Your Lordship's most Obedient

and most Humble Servant

Wm Tryon

[Sent by Mr Elwin]