

Who returne and say his Ex^{cy} will Grant him Commission P. R. O.

Coll. Charles Hutchins and M^r Thomas Brooke enter the house and say it is his Ex^{cy}'s command that the speaker and the members of this house should attend his Ex^{cy} and his Maj^{ty}'s Hono^{ble} Councill at the Councill Chamber

The house adjournes to the Councill Chamber. At the Councill Chamber his Ex^{cy} was pleased to make to the house the following Speech.

Gent. You have now had a yeare and an halfes Experience of me which I hope will confirme you in the truth of what I have publickly assured you of my best Endeavors for yo^r Service which I promise I will allways Justly p^rforme.

I cannott but acknowledge that all yo^r Accōns in our last meeting gave me great Sattisfaction, for it was mannaged with that accord and good agreement that there was not the least shaddow or coulour for any ill disposed people to make any malitious remarques of, and that good understanding which we were so happy at first to create will I hope be mutually p^rserved on both sides: it is my fixed Resolution it shall be inviolably on myne; after which I will give you all the convincing proofs of what I have solemnly averred in my regards for the Province in Gen^l and every one of you in Perticular

Wherefore if you Labour under any difficultys I am ready to redress them and assure you I will suppress all unecessary charges and Expences to make you easy and have the vanity to believe yo^r Examination of the Publick Accounts will convince you of what I have allready done in that, not having since the last Assembly, which is Tenn Months agoe, entailed Tenn pounds charge upon you or any other Individuall Person in the Province but on the Contrary averted what lay in my power. to. 4

Gent. Since it is and ought to be the great end of all Genll Assemblys to consult the honour of God and the Service of their King and Countrey the Ignominious reporte which is handed about by some leads me to acquainte you of an Order of his most Sacred Maj^{ty} in Councill for disanulling the Law which is entituled the Act for Establishing the Protestant Religion the repealing the said Law gives noe roome to any Person to suggest its being dissassented to upon any other grownds then it mentions you having clogged and loaded it with things of different natures which I hope you will wisely correct without the least hesitation, for we are happy under the Wings and Protexion of a Prince whose delight is to runn the greatest hazards for the conservation of our Propertys, and never yett obstructed his people in Pursuing that blessed name of Liberty: you are sencible how usefull Religion is in the good Government of a Nation or