

there is no Occasion to convince reasonable thinking Men of it's absolute Necessity; nor can I believe any body will obstruct this noble generous Designe but a few Gentlemen at home who have assiduously endeavoured by a certaine Engrossm<sup>t</sup> to make the Produce of your Land & Industrie a sure Monopolie to themselves; whereby You can never let the middle and lower Sorte of People reap any thing from a very hard labour and the Sweate of their Browes but a perpetuall Indigencye.

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Gent<sup>n</sup> I am obliged in Justice and good Nature to lay before you the growing evill of Protested Bills, and with greate Friendship to recomēd it to your best Considerations, how that fatal Grievance may be removed.

I am obliged to take Notice You make Use of a very unparliamentary Practice which is to Postpone Matters to the last Eight or tenn Hours of yo<sup>r</sup> rising and then things of very greate Consequence are naturally hurried up or so procrastinated that at our next meeting they are forgott, Witness many of her Maj:tys Royal Instructions layd before you Gent<sup>n</sup> at your first Sitting downe. And though I heartily desired Your Advice and Assistance in a Strict enquiry what became of the Arms & Amūnition of the Province in Tyme of a forreigne Warr and Intestine Disturbances when We last mett which Seeme to threaten Us still, You did not then thinke it proper to enquire into a matter So very necessary for your owne Safety and Defence.

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Give me leave Gent<sup>n</sup> to desire You will now applye yourselves heartily to the business before You, that so pernicious a thing to all wise Councils may not be brought to a Custome by You Gent<sup>n</sup> Delegates And then I can never doubt but by calme Serious Debates the many greate things under your present Care will be in a few days ripened into good wholesome Laws fit for the Royal Sanction.

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And as every Body knows this Parte of America was discovered by Englishmen in the Reigne of the famous renowned Queen Elizabeth; I would have Us of this Province allways remember noe Prince since (in soe short a tyme) ever applied their Royall thoughts and Care more emphatically for your Wellfare P<sup>r</sup>servation and Happiness than our present Glorious Queen Anne.

I have had an Acco<sup>t</sup> from the head of the Bay, the Indians intended Some Motions this Spring and with the advice of her Ma<sup>tys</sup> Hon<sup>ble</sup> Council have taken proper Measures about it for the present; but hope Gent<sup>n</sup> you will enquire particularly into the truth of this Affaire; For on our last Alarms, the Severall p<sup>r</sup>sons I sent on long and hazardous Journeys to bring me a Right Intelligence of their Designe, weer so nar-