

U. H. J. Gentlemen and our Friends in Europe I have endeavoured to  
 p. 967 be as careful A Steward of the Countrys money as I have been  
 on all occasions assiduous to approve myself an honest Govern-  
 or and a real well wishing promoter of your Interest nor  
 did I design to trouble you till the Spring purely on that Ac-  
 count had not her Sacred Majestys Commands lately directed  
 me to lay several things before you, Give me Leave Gentle-  
 men therefore to rank them distinctly for your more serious  
 mature Consideration not doubting but with loyal honest  
 hearts you will handsomely digest and Comply with the Just  
 Commands of our Gracious Sovereign the best of Queens and  
 hope you will have such an Awful Regard to the lawful Au-  
 thority of our Monarch throughly to weigh what may be the  
 consequences of your Disobedience or trifling with her Majes-  
 tys Royal Commands

Gentlemen

Our Great pattern the parliament of Britain to their Eternal  
 Honour have denied her nothing to make the Country we de-  
 pend on Great and her Majestys Reign the most Glorious of  
 all Monarchs & shall we a poor Handful of her remotest Sub-  
 jects dispute or boggle at what her Majesty thinks reasonable  
 and wisely judges to be for your own good as well as the  
 Service of the Crown

Mr Speaker

I have so just a Regard to the Welfare and Reputation of  
 this Province to hope I shall never see that day therefore let  
 me advise you Gentlemen who are elected to serve your  
 Country as you have now always endeavour to preserve her  
 Majestys Gracious favour and do not be led away by the cun-  
 ning Insinuations of designing Wicked men to Incur the  
 frowns of our indulgent Sovereign since tis evident the prac-  
 tice and principles of such Empiricks in Government will soon  
 ruin your Constitution and Consummate the poverty of this  
 already poor languishing province

Gentlemen

I must acquaint you her Majesty has been pleased to disap-  
 prove of two laws lately made here viz. that against masters  
 cropping Tobacco on Board their Ships and the other about  
 the Gauge of your Tobacco hhds and her Majesty Commands  
 me to tell you tis her Royal pleasure that we in this province  
 Conform to the Size of those in Virginia and Recommends a  
 new law to be made for that purpose Her Majesty thinks Sir  
 Thomas Lawrence was hardly used by the last Assembly who