

L. H. J. Gentlemen and our Friends in Europe I have endeavoured to be as careful a Steward of the Country's Money as I have been on all Occasions assiduous to approve myself an honest Governor and a real well wishing Promoter of your Interest nor did I design to trouble you till the Spring purely on that Account had not her Sacred Majesty's Commands lately directed me to lay several Things before you Give me Leave Gentlemen 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 Authority of our Monarch thoroughly to weigh what may be the Consequences of your Disobedience or trifling with her Majesty's Royal Commands.

Gentl. Our great Patern the Parliament of Britain to their eternal Honour have denied her nothing to make the Country we depend on great and her Majesty's Reign the most Glorious of all other Monarchs; and shall we a poor handful of her remotest Subjects dispute or boggle at what her Majesty thinks reasonable & wisely judges to be for your own Good as well as the Service of the Crown?

p. 318 M<sup>r</sup> 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 endeavoured to preserve her gracious Majesty's favor and do not be led away by the cunning Insinuations of designing wicked Men to incur the frowns of our indulgent Sovereign, since 'tis evident the Practice and Principles of such Empiricks in Government will soon ruin your Constitution and consummate the Poverty of this already poor languishing Province

Gentl. I must acquaint you her Majesty has been pleased to disapprove 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 Hogsheads 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 late Assembly who made a Law to cut off the Benefits of the Ordinary Licenses from his Office which the late Attorney General S<sup>r</sup> Simon Harcourt judges to be the lawful Perquisites of her Majesty's Secretary here. M<sup>r</sup> Speaker shall have the said Attorney General's Report and her Majestys Order thereon who is graciously pleased to recommend a Law to you Gentl. that the Ordinary Licenses may be appropriated