

branches of the powers and authoritys he has been pleased to grant you by his Comission for the Government here, and which you formerly so worthily Exercised under the Crown and particularly that relateing to the navall office which by the laws of great Brittain and his Matys Royal Instructions are positively lodged in your Ex<sup>ncy</sup> but more particularly that those powers and trusts should Contrary to the Known laws as well of great Britain as of this Province be wrested from your Ex<sup>ncy</sup>, and intrusted in the hands of Papists who have refused to qualifie themselves for the execution thereof by taking the oaths appointed by our Acts of Assembly and that whilst your Ex<sup>ncy</sup> according to the duty of your Station is doing his Lordship the Lord Proprietary what we take to be most eminent & acceptable Service by Endeavouring to obviate their Encroachments upon the Govern<sup>mt</sup> and Constitutions here we are given to understand, that it is by their subtile Insinuation your authority is so much diminished that you have been obliged to write to his Lordship and his Noble Guardian to beg leave to be recalled since you conceive you can, no longer serve his Lordship not only in regard to your honour and Character but in that you have it not in your power to oblige many persons to forward his Lordships interest upon any Emergent occasion those offices and trusts not being in your disposal whereby to recompence their services.

It is a great grief of mind to us and therefore wee shall not faile to address his Lordship the Lord Proprietary and his Noble Guardian and lay before them the unhappy Consequences of your Ex<sup>ncys</sup> removall the very thoughts whereof strikes such a Damp upon our Spirits that wee are scarce able to Express the miserys wee may well fear are so likely to break in upon us by an Inundation of popery and Slavery should our adversaries prevail against us which wee have already (by their obtaining those Comissions) too much reason to be apprehensive of P. 176

Wee beg your Ex<sup>ncy</sup> will always retain a Just sense of our grateful acknowledgements for the Civill and Just Treatment you have been pleased on all occasions to afford us but more Especially for your Supporteing the protestant Interest in this Province against which and your Ex<sup>ncys</sup> person and fortune may no Sinister Artifices or Evill devices of your and our Enemys ever prevail. Wee are S<sup>r</sup> with much affection and Sincerity—

Y<sup>r</sup> Ex<sup>ncys</sup> Most obedient humble Serv<sup>ts</sup>

Sent up Ingrossed to the Up<sup>r</sup> House by M<sup>r</sup> Bordley,