

Gentlemen of the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly L. H. J.

I should not have conven'd you at this Season of the year if the Necessity of Affairs did not make it Absolutely requisite, and that I promise myself the Same Assiduous and Unanimous application to the Dispatch of business for the publick good, will be emulated and Exerted, as well in this as in the late happy Assemblys, I have had the pleasure to meet & part with.

I have it in Command from the Right Hon<sup>ble</sup> my Lord Guilford and Proprietor, to let you Know how Grateful your asserting the publick authority of their Courts, and the persons of their ministers is to their Lordships And also to acquaint you, that the proceedings of the last Assembly was p. 5 for the most part approved by them.

Their Lordships have thought fit, that the Act made in last Sessions, intituled an Act for the better Supporting of Magistrates in the Administration of Justice, and for the disabling Thomas Macnemara to practice the Law therein should be declared to be null void and of no effect.

Their Lordships are pleased to express themselves on this particular, That they do think such a law very necessary But forasmuch as there is tack'd to it a clause, against a particular person, without hearing the party which is the undoubted right of every one of his Majestys Subjects, for this reason, their Lordships on very good Advice & Deliberation are obliged to dissent to the s<sup>d</sup> Act.

Gent. of the Lower House.

I am ignorant of the motives induc'd you to pass the aforementioned bill, more then from the reasons Set forth therein, which in my Opinion are Strong and well Exprest, and the facts alledged such Known truths, that I doubted not you had taken all Measures proper to the Occasion. But I must averr and declare that the party named in the bill, did not apply himself to the Upper House, where, if he had cause he might have been reliev'd, nor to me as Gov<sup>r</sup> who had a Negative Voice on that Bill, Tho there was Some time between the passing it in both houses, and my fixing the Seale, and Assenting to it as an Act.

I shall Send down to your house, the Opinion of Council p. 6 learned in the Laws of Great Britain on the partys Suspension from his practice by that act. The Cases as they are Stated to the Lawyers and their Sentiments on them, are worthie your Observation.

But I must remark to you, should this party or others, be Suffered to insult the Courts as he has so Often done with