

U. H. J. As his Lordship has kindly assured you of his real Disposition to promote what ever may be just and reasonable for the Ease and  
 p. 2 Happiness of his Tenants, I cannot doubt but he will meet with a suitable Return from You in what ever may concern his just Rights, Honour or Government

Nothing is more essentially necessary for the welbeing of a Country, than a Harmony and Unanimity amongst the several parts of a Legislature, therefore I cannot without a good Deal of Concern recollect the Occasion of the last Prorogation: As I was obliged to make Use of my Authority then, to prevent the Continuance of a Misunderstanding between the Two Houses, I must hope you will for the future carefully avoid putting me under the like Necessity: By a good Agreement amongst your selves You may truly serve the Country, by entering into unnecessary Disputes you can only burthen it with Expences, very contrary, I am perswaded, to all Our Intentions of easing the People as much as may be by all just and reasonable Means

The Lord Proprietor's Answer to the Address of the Upper and Lower House of Assembly

Your Address I have received, and that to his most sacred Majesty met with a Gracious Reception; and You cannot more oblige me than by giving me such Opportunities of tendering mine and your Duty

Your Address to me is most grateful, as you seem sensible that I in the late Agreement made with my good Tenants for my Quit Rents and Alienation fines, consulted their Welfare rather than my  
 p. 3 own Advantage, but as you wisely observe, the Assembly through a mistaken notion of the Countrys Interest refused the Continuance; & I wish the same mistaken Notion had not likewise induced them, when the Paper Currency Bill was passing to refuse the Payment of the Clergys forty  $\text{p}$  Poll, and the Officers Fees, in the said Paper Money, at ten shillings  $\text{p}$  hundred Currency; having not been wanting in my good Offices, with the Clergy, and the Officers, who agreed to accept of the same

As it has, so it shall always be my Care (by all reasonable Means) to make my Tenants happy, and I shall be glad if any Equivalent can be found out (that does not lay too great a Burthen on Trade) for my Quit Rents and Alienation fines, that may be less burdensome, than the present manner of collecting them; and I make no Doubt but whenever you think of such an Expedient you will have the same Regard for my Interest, as you shall ever find I have for Yours

I shall give my Governor proper Instructions, as you desire

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