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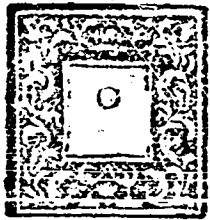
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To Mr. Samuel Harrison.



From Tuesday July 8, to Tuesday July 15. 1729. (Numb. XCVI.)

Annapolis, July 15.



ON Thursday last both Houses of Assembly of this Province met, pursuant to their last Prorogation. His Excellency went to the Upper House, and sent for the Members of the Lower House, who immediately attending him, he was pleas'd to open the Session with the following Speech.

Gentlemen of the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly,

THE PUBLICK GOOD, is the General End of our Meetings in Assembly; which will be pursu'd with best Success, thro' the Paths of Loyalty, Moderation and Justice; to which natural Reason, and a calm Reflection on Things, must sufficiently incite us; and therein, next to the benign Influence of the Great Author of Wisdom, I doubt not but you will meet a happy Guidance in your own Knowledge and Experience.

Gentlemen of the House of Delegates,

THE Law for ascertaining the Gauge and Tare of Tobacco-Hogsheads, and for other Things therein mention'd, is near Expiration: As I have not receiv'd any Instructions from his Lordship to the contrary, I think my self at Liberty to offer his Good Tenants the Continuation for Three Years more, of That Law, whereby their Tenancy is made so very easy to them: But as the late Law for stinting the Number of Tobacco Plants, may considerably lessen the Export of Hogsheads, the Raising an Equivalent thereto, to His Lordship, must appear both just and necessary; lest his Indulgency to his Tenants, should prove unreasonably disadvantageous to himself.

Gentlemen of both Houses,

NOTHING can be more desirable, than a Certainty in Matters of Property, by bring-

ing Controversies of Right to a known End: wherefore it may seem necessary to limit the Time for Appeals from Chancery, as well as to regulate the Nature of them: And, as a Question has arose, Whether in the Absence of the Governour, and first of the Council in Commission, the Senior of the Council then present may preside, and proceed to a Determination on Appeals and Writs of Error? It will be prudent to solve it, by Impowering, in such Case, the Senior present so to preside and proceed; otherwise great Inconveniencies and Delays may happen by the Absence of the Governour, or first in Commission; or when either or both should be Parties concern'd in the Matters in Dispute.

I HERETOFORE advised a separate Repository for our old Records; and I hope you will no longer delay a Security so essential to preserve the Rights of your Selves and your Posterity, from the Injury of common Accidents.

THE Act against *Engrossers and Regrators*, might be very beneficial to the People of this Province, were not the Sense thereof confusedly express'd; but a Revival and Explanation of it, may supply its Defects.

THIS leads me to recommend great Care and Caution in the Penning of Laws; since it little availeth to be cautious and circumspect in our Consultations, if we are not equally such in forming our Resolutions into Laws.

HAVING thus deliver'd some Things to your Consideration, it remains with you to advise whatever else may be necessary or convenient to promote our General Welfare.

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