

His Excellency's

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TO

The Upper and Lower-Houses of Assembly

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Gentlemen, of the Upper and Lower-Houses of Assembly;



Should not have Convened You at this Season of the Year, if the Necessity of Affairs did not make it absolutely Requisite, and that I Promise my self 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 Assemblies, I have had the Pleasure to meet, and part with.

I have it in Command from the Right Honourable My Lords *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 for the most part approved by them.

Their Lordships have thought fit, that the Act made in the Last Sessions, Entituled, *An Act for the better Supporting of Magistrates in the Administration of Justice, and for the disabling Thomas Macnemara to Practise 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 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 Majesty's Subjects, for this Reason their Lordships on very good Advice and deliberation, are obliged to dissent to the said Act.

Gentlemen of the Lower-House;

I Am Ignorant of the Motives induced you to pass the aforementioned Bill, more then from the reasons set forth therein which in my Opinion are long and well Expressed, and the facts alledged such known truths, that I doubt not you had taken all Measures proper to the Occasion. But I must aver and

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