

I am sorry to find has been started amongst some, and is a notion that may not only be prejudiciall but very fatall and what I can never imagine that the Kings and the Countys Interest are at any time different or interfere with each other I hope without vanity I may be allowed to know his Majesty's private Sentiments in this (as well as any within your walls, I am sure my instructions are not the least pointing that way, but the contrary.

I take the Liberty to mention this to you that there may not arise the least Misunderstanding amongst, but that we may all Embarque and Joyn in our Duty to his Majesty and the welfare of this Province which I take to be inseparable.

I doe very much joy to find this Province has been soe well inclined in Endeavouring the promotion of the Church of England you have made very great advances that way to your Eternall Credit and Praise and I assure you I will Joyn my Hearte and Hand in the advancement of it.

Gent: As to my owne particulars I shall say but little being a stranger amongst you but I shall Endeavour that my actions may be the most convincing Proove of my Intentions and Inclinations to affect the Interests of this Province and of doing you all the Justice you can desire or hope for.

I shall looke upon all Mankind that have approved themselves his Majesty's Good Subjects as a faire sheet of paper for I doe not come with any ill Conceived Opinion or prejudice to any of you.

I have now been six Months amongst you in which time severall things of Moment have occured wherein my proceedings hitherto will I hope stand the test of any who have the Curiosity to Enquire into them with the strictest Scrutiny, and if at any time I shall chance to make an Irregular Step it will be my Misfortune and not my Fault and I shall always be soe far from taking it a misse that I shall rather Esteem it a Marke of your Kindness to signify it to me then otherwise.

Gent: All I have to recommend to you at present is that we may readily Joyn together with all Chearfullness to dispatch the Business which occasions this our Meeting.

Which being ended his Ex^{ty} was pleased to deliver to Mr. Speaker a Copy thereof and alsoe a Copy of his Majesty's Royall Instructions to them for their Pursall, when Mr. Speaker and the House having taken their leaves returned to their House when Mr. Speaker having taken the Chaire.

Resolved that Mr. Speaker draw up an humble and thankfull answer to his Ex^{ty}'s Speech and prepare and bring in the same to Morrow Morning.

Ordered that a Copy of his Majesty's Royall Instructions be read which accordingly were read as followeth. Viz: