

an influence, of discontent th^t, it may ouerwhelme the whole. Liber A.
S^{rs} in this there is only difference in the p^rsons of the Gouverno^r
not his L^{ps} title infringed, nor the peace soe th^t yo^w may be
confident, it may be acted, wth out euill or the punishment
thereof, w^{ch} will happily fall on the Opposers. Howsoeu^r
(since S^r Will^m Berkeleys lrēs nor my owne, can procure a
priuate right but by Attorney) I haue little hopes to preuaile in
this busines of such concernm^t yett th^t I might giue a fayre
demostrāon to the world, & his L^p of all proceedings, I haue
adventured to wright thus much unto yee his Counsell. And
in all freindly loue request yo^r answere. I would to the utter-
most of my power indeauo^r the safety of the prouince under
his L^p. If it faile for all th^t I know yee may be blame worthy.
ffor others of humo^{rs} different from mine, priuately embrace a p. 69
parliamentary influence, w^{ch} may proue fatall to the whole.
Gentⁿ I leave this to yo^r consideration. And rest.

Yo^r very lo: ffreind
Edw: Hill.

Checakone the 20th of
June 1647.

Gentl.

Post script. I haue stopt my returne to Virginia in expectation
of yo^r answere w^{ch} I hope will bee spedy. And in th^t uery
curtesy I shall rest thankfully yo^{rs}

Edw: Hill.

Endors. To his hon^d ffrends M^r Thomas Greene
& Cap^t Giles Brent these p^rsent.

[Answer of Governor Greene.]

S^r

Whereas yo^r uaine claimes of right to this gouern^t are
grounded uppon this false pretence. That the late Governo^r
being out of the Prouince, & not nominating one in his steed,
The Counsell residing in the Prouince had full power &
authority to elect & chuse yo^w w^{ch} is euident they had not, as
the words of his L^{ps} Commisⁿ plainly shew, ffor th^e words of
his L^{ps} Commisⁿ in breife are these. That in case o^r Leiu^t shall
happen to dye, or be absent out of th^e Prouince; & shall fayle
to make choyce of some p^rson to be o^r Leiu^t &c: Wee doe
grant to o^r Counsell^{rs} full power in such case to elect such an
able person, inhabiting & residing wthin o^r s^d Prouince, w^{ch}
shall be one of o^r Counsell there. w^{ch} I presume yo^w are none
of. If yo^w are, wee understand it not as yett. As for yo^r
menacing us wth dangers & feares, we regard them not, desyr-
ing yo^w in curtesy, if yo^w please, to desist from such unlawfull
wayes. The Gouvern^t is now lawfully instated uppon mee,