

Parliament to pursue the most vigorous Measures for reducing his rebellious Subjects in North America to Obedience and for restoring legal Government has given the Royal Assent to the enclosed act, which I am commanded by his Majesty to transmit to you and at the same time to signify to you his Majesty's pleasure that you do exhort all persons upon whom the Execution of this Law shall depend to pay a due attention thereto, and to use their best endeavours for carrying the provisions of it into Effect; And I trust that when his Majestys deluded Subjects in the Associated Colonies are better apprized of the fatal consequence of the conduct they have adopted, and see the determined spirit of the Nation to maintain its Constitutional rights they will avail themselves of the means which the justice and benevolence of the supreme Legislature have held out to them of being restored to the Kings grace and peace, and that a happy & lasting reconciliation and union will be effected. And I have the satisfaction to acquaint you that in order to accelerate this desirable Object that proper steps have been taken for passing a Commission under the Great Seal in conformity to the last section but one of that act, And that the Commissioner or Commissioners to be appointed for that purpose will have full power to enquire into the state and condition of the Colonies and confer with proper persons upon such points as may be necessary for effecting a restoration of the public tranquility.

I am sir y^r most ob^t hble. serv^t

Geo. Germain

Copy, J. Pendleton C. C. Safety
For Virginia

A Copy of the Clause in the act (Restraining Bill) of Parliament referred to by Lord George Germain.

“ Provided always nevertheless, and it is hereby enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that in order to encourage all well affected persons in any of the said Colonies to exert themselves in suppressing the Rebellion therein, and to afford a speedy protection to those who are disposed to return to their duty, it shall and may be lawful to and for any person or persons appointed and authorized by his Majesty to grant a pardon or pardons to any numbers or description of persons by proclamation in his Majesty's name to declare any Colony or province, Colonies or Provinces to be at the peace of his Majesty.

[William to Robert Eden.]

Downing Street, Dec^r 24th

My dear Brother:

I am very unable to say a tenth Part of what I ought to say

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