

Original Journal. Motives herewith Offered to your Ex<sup>ncie</sup> & this Hono<sup>ble</sup> Board will upon due Consideracōn thereof seem Sufficient to hinder the said Bill from being past into a Law by y<sup>r</sup> Ex<sup>ncie</sup> & the Covncills Assent therevnto But least the small difference of voices in the Assembly might prevayle w<sup>th</sup> your Ex<sup>ncies</sup> inclinacōn to the publick good, Sufficiently proved to all such places as have had the happiness of being vnder your Governm<sup>t</sup> before the said Motives; w<sup>ch</sup> y<sup>r</sup> pet<sup>s</sup> believe they have very little reason to feare, the Matter being to be weighed by a pson of y<sup>r</sup> Ex<sup>ncies</sup> knowne Experience Assisted by soe worthy a Covncill, y<sup>r</sup> pet<sup>s</sup> humbly crave leave to represent to your Ex<sup>ncie</sup> and this Board: That the appointing a place for the Supream Courts of Judicature & Seate of Governm<sup>t</sup> in any Kingdom, Colony, Province, or Territory, belonging to the Crowne of England, is a peculiar prerogative of the Crowne, & that the upholding & Maintaineing the Kings prerogative is as Essentiall, & undoubted a part of the Laws of England, as the liberty & property of the Subject is, and that when either the former is intrenched upon by the Subjects or the Later invaded by the prince the State is in a Convulsion.

That as the Subjects of this province are well Satisfyed of their Maj<sup>ties</sup> tenderness & care of their Libertyes & proptyes Sufficiently evidenced by their placing a pson of y<sup>r</sup> Ex<sup>ncies</sup> knowne Regard to the same, at the helme of this Governm<sup>t</sup> Soe y<sup>r</sup> pet<sup>s</sup> doe humbly conceive, that it is not consistant w<sup>th</sup> the Rules of gratitude for soe great a Blessing, nor the difference & regard w<sup>ch</sup> good Subjects ought to haue to the prerogative of soe Clement a prince, to pass a Law w<sup>ch</sup> your pet<sup>s</sup> are well informed is an apparent incroachment upon the Same.

Wherefore y<sup>r</sup> pet<sup>s</sup> doe most Humbly pray that Least this province may be soe blemished, as to have it said that it was the first of the American plantacōns that Offered Violence to the prerogative of soe worthy a prince by passing the said Bill into a Law your Ex<sup>ncy</sup> and your hono<sup>ble</sup> Councill will please to reject the said Bill untill such time as Leave be first Obtained from their Maj<sup>ties</sup> (as the method ought to be in such a Case) for prepareing & bringing in the Same, And your pet<sup>s</sup> humbly begg pardon for takeing the freedom of putting your Ex<sup>ncie</sup> in Minde of a matter w<sup>ch</sup> they know is your Chiefest care to preserve  
Shall Ever pray &<sup>ca</sup>

By the Assembly October the 11<sup>th</sup> 1694

This House have read & considered of the pet<sup>rs</sup> & Reasons of the Mayo<sup>r</sup> Aldermen & others calling themselves Comon Covncill & ffreemen of the City of Sn<sup>t</sup> Maries ag<sup>t</sup> removeing