

Original the province being Generally Lowe and Levell land next the
Journal. Water and no Rocks nor Barrs to phibitt Landings the Trade
of the province and shiping dispersing it selfe so Equally and
Gen^{ly} all over the province by the Conveniency of those Creeks
Rivers and Harbours that it dos not seem to us a thing prac-
ticable to Erect any such fortifications nor to restreine Shipping
from their usuall places of Trade and Confine them to any par-
ticular Harbour and we are Confident that if their L^ds the
Com^{rs} for Trade and plantations did visibly know this prov-
ince they would Concurr with us and further Adjudge that all
the Revenues of this province were insignificant to the Erect-
ing such durable fortifications as would defend themselves
and be any Considerable security with shiping in any Case.

And whereas it is required a Competent Maintenance be
Assigned to Ministers of each Church and Convenient houses
to be built.

We humbly Conceive that we have already made such
Competent Maintenance as is proportionable to the Countrys
Capacity, but whereas the dayly Growth and increase of this
Infant Country may like enough in a few years Cause an Al-
teration of parishes and for that few of the Ministers Coming
here bring familys nor would an house alone without Land
and a plantation or Globe be any Considerable use to the
Minister therefore we desire to be Excused from any further
p^{re}sent Charge yett we will be Allways ready to provide for the
Clergy by Assigning them Lands or otherwise as the wealth
& strength of the province increases, if they themselves by
neglect of their Duty (having none to Inquire into their Con-
versacōn) be not their hinderance and by their boldness Stiffen
our Zeal.

As for publick work houses we adjudge them alltogether
Needless none need stand still for want of Employment the
province wants workmen, workmen want not work, here is no
Beggars And they that are Superannuated are reasonably well
provided for by the Countyes.

Signed p Order
Ch: Gregory Cl house Del.

p. 17 Whereto the following Message sent to the house Viz^t by
Robert Smith & Iames Frisby Esq^{rs} Viz^t

By the Councill &c in Assembly Iuly the 1st 1699.

Gentⁿ Your Message by Cap^t Moreland and M^r Lane and
yo^r observations upon Severall of his Matys Royall Instructions