

Office And if the house will dispence with his Service in regard of his being one of their Members He is willing to Comissionate him

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Signed p order W Bladen Cl Council.

Then came M^r William Hutchison with four more of the Delegates and say the House returne their hearty Thanks to his Ex^{ncy} for his Condescension and signifye the Houses willingness to dispence with the Service of their Member and intreat his Ex^{cy} to Comissionate him to be their Clarke.

Colonel Hutchins and Thomas Brooke Esq^r are Sent to Comānd M^r Speaker and the House to attend his Ex^{ncy} in Councill.

Whereupon M^r Speaker and the House came up to attend his Ex^{ncy} in Councill.

Who being admitted his Ex^{ncy} is pleased thus to bespeake them.

Gentlemen. You have now had a Year and an halfe Experience of me Which I hope will confirme You in the Truth of what I have publickly assured you of my best Endeavours for your Service which I promise I will always justly performe.

I cannot but acknowledge that all Your Actions in our last meeting gave me great Satisfaction, for it was mannaged with that Accord & good Agreem^t that there was not the least p. 8
Shaddow or Colour for any ill disposed persons to make any Malitious Remarques upon; And that good Understanding which We were so happy at first to create will I hope be mutually preserved on both Sides, as it is my fixed Resolution It shall be inviolably on myne, After which I will give You all the convincing proofs of what I have Solemnly averred in my Reguard for the Province in Generall, and every one of You in particular. Wherefore if you labour under any Difficultys I am ready to redress them, and assure you I will Suppress all unnecessary Charges and expences to make you easye And have the Vanity to believe Your Examination of the Publick Accompts will convince you of what I have allready done in that not having since the last Assembly which is tenn months ago entailed tenn pounds Charge upon you, or any individuall person in the Province But on the contrary averted what lay in my power.

Gentlemen. Since it is and ought to be the Great End of all Generall Assemblys, to consult the honour of God and the Service of their King and Country the Ignominious Report which is handed about by some, leads me to acquaint you of an Order of his most Sacred Ma^{ty} in Council for the Disañulling the Law which is Entituled the Act for Establishing the Protestant Religion. The Repealing the said Law gives no