

From the sence of these hardships You were likey to Labour C. P. under, I have in order to Y^r Releif, laid the Case before his Lordship's Guardian & himself.

Their Lordships, out of their tender Considerations of Your Circumstances, have Instructed me to pass an Act, which I may well terme in Your Favour, it being for the whole Rents, a Condescention I have never heard was made You before this tyme. The method which their Lordships have Prescribed me in this Affair being too Copious to be mentioned here, I shall send downe to Y^r House, for your Perusall.

I am not ignorant it is the Interest of some particular wealthy Gentlemen, to pay their Rents in mony. The Lord Proprietarie wou'd be well pleased this Interest was gen^r in the Province; But as it is by much the greater Number, and Consequently those that are the least able to bear this Burthen, that will reap the Benefit of the Lord Proprietaries favour and Generosity. I hope it will be Considered th^t a Particular ought allways to give way to the Publick good. It is therefore of these Wealthy Gentlemen I must Address myself to. Pray remember the Poor.

M^r Speaker & the Members of the Lower House took their Leave & repaired thereto. M^r Stoddert and Cap^t Frisby came from the Lower House and presented Thomas Macnemara Esq^r to be Sworne as their Clerk. And the said Macnemara took the Oaths to the Governm^t subscribing the Test and Abjuration, and also the Oathe of Clerk of the Lower House in Presence of the said Members thereof.

Colonel Tilghman and Col Smith were sent to the Lower House with a Copy of the Clause of the Law proposed.

Colonel Hopkins M^r Stoddert & L^t Col Scott brought up the following Message Viz.

By the lower House of Assembly Aprill 24th 1716.

May it Please Y^r Excellency.

As the Information this House has received from Sundry Prints and otherwise th^t the Right Honb^{le} the Lord Proprietarie of this Province departed this life sometime last February has given us Cause of great Greif so it very much Deters us from further Proceeding on any Business least we should Spend Our time, and the Country's mony to little purpose which must be; if that Acc^t should Prove True, as we very much fear it will: And for that we are informed some Progress is made in the Parliament of Great Britain for Enabling the Crowne to reassume all the Proprietary Governments in America. We therefore humbly Pray Your Excel-