

Lib. X. to his Majestys service & this Prov^s are effectually laid before your Lordships by his Exc^y Coll^o Blakiston our Governor but that which occasions us to give your Lordships this trouble is to excuse our selves on account of the act ascertaining the Laws of this Province & to lay before your Lordships the subtil contrivances & false insinuations of those who are Enemies both to his Majestys Government & Religion & we were by his said Excellency upon his arrival apprived of his Majestys Instructions for revising the Laws & in Regard that an Assembly was to meet in a small time It was advised to defer that work till that time not that his Excellency or we designed to make use of the Assemblys Assistance therein but that if any thing was amiss that could be amended it might be then done & we beg your Ldshps to believe that both his Ex^y & we were more then ordinary cautious that nothing should pass which in the least intrench on his Maj^{stys} interest & we hope there is nothing in them that does; but if there is we are heartily sorry for it & Assure your Lordships its for want of Iudgment not Care but as to the Law ascertaining the Laws we are fully Convinced by your Ldshps reasons of our oversight therein & only beg your Lordships
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As to the Act of Religion we were very apprehensive of the disagreeableness of that clause of a different nature therein which was the clause of his Maj^{stys} disallowance thereof but could not tho earnestly endeavoured bring it to any better Frame that time but hoped for a more favourable Opportunity to purge out those imperfections than what the minds of the Assembly would then allow of which we hope is now in some measure attained to & for that reason & withal considering that the said Law had laid a considerable time before your Lordships without any disapprobation of his Majesty we did advise his Exc^y Col^o Blakiston not to endeavour the Repeal of that Law till his Majestys Pleasure was known thereon for besides that it would have Begot in the greatest & most Eminent part of the Province who are earnestly Sollicitous for establishing the Protestant Religion here an odium of his Exc^y & us to drop that which Supported their dearest; we could not certainly tell what other amendment might be required besides the said Clause all which we hope by this Revisal in May last is so qualified as to procure his Majestys Gracious Allowance & which with the Greatest Joy & most humble Acknowledgments we are sure will be Received by us & all his Maj^{stys} good Subjects here & in that particularly as well as in all other Affairs in Gen^l his Exc^{ys} great Zeal &