

sion they are not Vigourously Asserted to punish these and All other known vices by that Authority. Vertue and religion are the true ingredients to make any Country flourish as A true obedience to the laws is the best true signe of honest Good people A Charracter I would ever have you preserve, that All mankind may know and Vallue yo<sup>r</sup> Conduct Ioyning heartily with me in endeavours and Wishes You may prosper many and many Yeares.

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Gent. With all Modesty I acquaint you that nothing has made me Uneasy Since my Arrivall in this province but the illness of my house And if you shall think I deserve noe better Accomodation during my Abode in the province J must Acquiece with your Sentiments and endeavour to be contented being Resolved never to ask for or expect what at any time You Iudge Unreasonable.

J am very confident there's no one here present but beleives there was An absolute necessity of Convening a New Assembly and Since her Majestys councill thought this A proper time to meet them I cann never doubt but Your debates will be temper'd with soe discreet a moderacon and candour this Will be no long but an happy Session that our enemy's abroad may See Wee are Unanimous and Vigilant, our freinds at home know Wee are heartily loyall And the good people you represent thanke you for your Loyalty to our Sovereigne, Your care of and fidellity to your County with your Unwearied Solicitudes and endeavours to oppose All her Majestys Enemy's whatsoever And those likewise who shall ever pretend to disturb the peace Wellfare and Union of this province under any specious pretence whatsoever.

The dispatch of the many Great Affaires before you will be A very Generous Ease to the province And as true A satisfaction to me being obvious to All considering persons what A detriment tis to every Gent mett here on this occasion to be detained longer then the publiq Service may reasonably require, And the charge of the Countrey I hope may not be an Impropper consideration to ripen your debates within the Compass Your better Iudgments may thinke necessary to bring this Sessions to an honourable Conclusion

Which being ended M<sup>r</sup> Speaker and members having taken leave of his Ex<sup>ty</sup> and Councill) returnd againe to the house And M<sup>r</sup> Speaker having taken the chaire

Its orderd that his Ex<sup>ty</sup>s Speech be read in the house.

Which being read its resolv'd that the consideration thereof be referrd till fryday next in the Afternoone.

Moov'd by A Member of this house that A Comittee of Election and priviledges might goe forth which was by the