

P. R. O. as Wee are infinitely oblidgd to his Ex<sup>cy</sup> so Wee are Extreemly  
 B. T. Md. surprisd as knowing how greatly prejudiciall the same will be,  
 Vol. 17. not only to Your Maj<sup>ty</sup> Interest but to the happyness and  
 tranquility of this Your Maj<sup>ty</sup> poore enoyd province in these  
 and many other instances Viz<sup>t</sup>

1<sup>st</sup> Its conceivd that if the Seat of Gou<sup>rn</sup>ment be at New Yorke it will not only be A means to Allure and entice many trades men Artificers and others now Among us who follow the trade of Planting tobacco here to desert this province And fly to that of New Yorke where they may follow their Severall trades and callings & gaine to themselves more ease and Advantage, thereby lessening the revenue of the Crowne of England, But Also by those means they will in A Short time supply us with such Manufactarys and other necessary's which now are imported from England And inevitably destroy our Commerce with the same.

2. Wee conceive that New York having power & Authority Will upon All occasions Comand from us such forces as they shall thinke fitt for the Safety and Strengthening themselves w<sup>ch</sup> will in A great measure weaken this province (now but thinly Seated) And thereby leaue the remaining parte of the inhabitants here open to the incursions of our Comon Enemys the Indians by whom Wee are enviroind And many of them as neere to us as those of New Yorke and often committing Murthers on the Inhabitants here, having lately destroy'd severall persons and Cannot want opportunity's also of Ioyning with the severall nations of Indians residing Among us to Effect their designes leaving us in A deplorable condition the lives of the inhabitants Greatly hazarded thereby and the Whole province in danger of being totally laid waiste.

3<sup>d</sup> That it will be very disadvantageous to the inhabitants of this province upon All occasions as of Councills Assemblys Gen<sup>l</sup> Courts &c. And upon appeales and differences between party and party to travaile thither it being neere 400 Mile distant from hence And the ways not passable in the winter Season by reason of the desert roads Violent frosts Deep Snows And Rivers and bays to pass over. so that the poorer sort of people will not be able to Undergoe so great charge and fatigue And the Richer to Avoid it will remooe themselves & Estates to England or other parts which will tend to the ruine of the tobacco trade and Consequently lessen the Revenue of the Crowne.

4. That the constitucon of this province to theirs is of so different and disagreeable a nature both in traffick and other things that the laws there composed cannot be agreeable to the trade and Affaires of this Countrey nor the constitution of the inhabitants of this province.