

We have perused and will in due Time Consider the Several Articles this day laid before us and we doubt not but your Ex^{cy} (with due respect to those honble Gentlemen with you) will believe us the most proper and Capable to inform your Ex^{cy} how far the present Constitution of the Province is able to comply therewith and that your Ex^{cy} will be assured that nothing shall be omitted by us that with the Safety and good of our Country we can do.

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We return you our hearty Thanks for the Intimation your Ex^{cy} is pleased to give us of some design carrying on against us and beseech you to make more plain to our Speaker as you were pleased to say that we may take more suitable measures therein

We have resolved the Revising our Laws and what ever appears deficient therein shall be provided for Suppression of Vice and Immorality and we pray your Ex^{cy} to give strict Charge to all Officers and Ministers thro your Government whose Duty it is to put the said Laws in vigorous Execution by Causing the same to be Strictly observed since good Laws without due Execution and observance are but dead Letters to no purpose

We hope your Ex^{cy} is Satisfied that we do not trifle away our Time but do attend the business for which we came and we assure you that hitherto our Debates have been moderate and Candid and hope none is inclined to foment nor are we to receive any the least Suspicions and Jealousies of your Ex^{cy} since both your words and Actions have given us such ample Assurance of your generous resolution of Governing us by the Laws protecting us in our rights and being ready to assent to any thing for the real Good and benefit of this Province, and we are Confirmed in opinion that the Honour of our Sovereign and Welfare of this Province are so inseparably annexed that they are never to be parted

Worthy S^r we are deeply Sensible of your generous and just Carriage to us and hope you shall always find us a grateful modest and peaceable People, And as we pray for her Majest^{ies} long and happy Reign, so we do for your Government over us

By the House of Delegates Sep^r 8th. 1704
Signed p order W Taylard Cl ho Del.

The Board adjourned 'till eight of the Clock on Monday morning.