

U. H. J. It is a great Satisfaction to us that your Excellency is an Eye Witness to the Lowness of that Ebb which this poor province in its Circumstances is reduced to And that you are pleased to take such particular notice of it. Our Deplorable Condition being known We hope the Speedier Relief from that Majesty that never yet denied her royal Aid to any of her suffering subjects that implored it

Her Majesty's prevailing Endeavours in the procuring that peace that has removed so many Burthens from our Trade justly claims the most hearty and sincere Acknowledgments can be made from dutiful & Loyal Subjects to the best of Princes, But yet we fear (so far have we been influenced by the War) that without our Sovereign's more particular Grace and favour extended to us we shall not be able by any Endeavours of our own to recover our lost Circumstances nor prevent the total Ruin of this tob^o trade, being our only Staple

We shall always pay a Strict regard to her Majesty's royal
p. 89^t Instructions & shall readily and cheerfully apply ourselves to the observance of them.

We heartily congratulate your Excellency's safe Arrival here and acknowledge our Utmost Obligations to her Majesty for favouring us with your Excellencys Administration under whose Governm^t We assure ourselves of being an happy people

Signed p order of the House of Delegates
June the 23^d 1714. T Macnemara Cl

To which his Excellency was pleased to return the following answer

Gentlemen,

I am much obliged to you for the kind sense you express in the Concern I bear for the Sufferings of this Province in the decay of Trade

Her Majesty who has unspeakable Tenderness for the Prosperity of her Subjects will never be wanting on her part for your speedy Redress

Your dutiful Expressions in relation to your ready Compliance with her Majesty's Instructions is the Effect of the prudent & Loyal temper of your House which will always render good Subjects grateful to the best of Queens

I am much Obligated to you for the Opinion you conceive of me and will employ my utmost Efforts to be useful in my Administration

June 22^d 1714

John Hart