

May It please your Excellency

U. H. J.

We the Delegates of this province now convened in a General Assembly have taken into Consideration the Instructions to which your Excell's Speech at the opening of this Session refers, do with unfeigned hearts return your Excell^{cy} our thanks for the Zeal & religious Care you express for the Support & Observance of our Religion as by Law Established, Which we humbly are of opinion is provided for as far as our Circumstances will admitt by several Acts of Assembly of this Province and more particularly by an Act Entituled an Act for the Service of Almighty God and Establishment of Religion in this Province according to the Church of England &c p. 895

We also beg leave to acquaint your Excell that we are humbly of opinion that there are Sufficient Laws already provided for the punishment & discouragem^t of all Drunkness Debauchery Swearing & Blasphemy if put in due Execution by the Several Magistrates of this province and we assure your Excellency this House will at all times be very thankful to your Excellency if upon just complaint you do remove any Justice of the peace that shall fail in his Duty therein, or committ any Breach of them, and are assured that your Excellency's Declaration thereon and good Example (of which we cannot have the least Grounds to doubt) will very much tend to effect what your Excell^{cy} & we so much desire.

We likewise are with submission to acquaint your Excellency that (sincerely acknowledging the most princely & tender regard Mercy and moderation of her Majesty towards all her Subjects & all others seeking Refuge in her Kingdoms or Dominions) There is a Law already made for restraining Severity to Servants and Slaves whereby the Justices of the Provincial & County Courts of this Province are empowered in a Summary manner to hear and determine Complaints between Masters & Servants by Way of Petition to give Judgem^t & award Execution but we intend to inspect into the same & if We find or are informed by your Excell^{cy} that it is any way deficient shall revise & amend it.

We further represent to your Excellency that a Sufficient p. 896 and charitable Provision is already made by Several Acts of Assembly of this Province for the support of such Persons as are Objects of Charity whereby the Justices of the several County Courts of this province who are the Assessors of the several County Levys are empowered to allow them a reasonable Support

And that we find that Vagabonds are so much discountenanced by them that we are troubled with few or none of such

We further beg leave to assure your Excellency that we always have and shall be ready to raise such supplys from