

U. H. J. off so many Branches of the Powers & Authoritys He has been pleased to grant you by his Commission for the Governm^t here & which you formerly so worthily exercised under the Crown, and particularly that relating to the Naval Office which by the Laws of Great Brittain & his Majesty's royal Instructions are positively lodged in your Excellency; But more particularly that those Powers & Trusts should contrary to the known Laws as well of Great Brittain as of this Province
 p. 219 be wrested from your Excellency & trusted in the Hands of Papists who have refused to qualify themselves for the Execution thereof, by taking the Oaths appointed by our Acts of Assembly And that whilst your Excellency according to the Duty of your Station is doing his Lordship the Lord Proprietary what we take to be the most Eminent & acceptable Service, by Endeavouring to obviate their Encroachm^t upon the Governm^t here We are given to understand that It is by their subtile Insinuations your Authority is so much diminished that you have been obliged to write to his Lordship & his noble Guardian to beg leave to be recalled since you conceive you cannot longer Serve his Lordship not only in regard to your Honour & Character but in that you have it not in your power to oblige many persons to forward his Ldsp's Interest upon any emergent occasion those Offices & Trusts not being in your Disposal whereby to recompence their Services

This is a great Grief of mind to us and therefore We shall not fail to address his Lordship the Lord Proprietary & his noble Guardian & lay before them the unhappy Consequences of your Removal The very thoughts whereof strike such a damp upon our Spirits that we are scarce able to express the miserys we may well fear are so likely to break in upon us by an Inundation of Popery & Slavery should our Adversarys prevail against us Which we have already by their Obtaining those Commissions too much Reason to be apprehensive of

p. 220 We beg your Excellency will always retain a just sense of our grateful Acknowledgments for the civil & just Treatment you have been pleased on all occasions to afford us but more especially for your Supporting the Protestant Interest in this Province against which & your Excellencys Person & Fortune may no Sinister Artifices & Evil Devices of your & our Enemys ever prevail We are with much affection & Sincerity

Your Excellency's most
obedient humble Servants

Signed by all the Council, the Speaker, & Lower House of Assembly

The House Adjourned for two Hours