

Office (de corpore Politico) employed to procure Peace & maintain Amity between Man & Man, may safely come & go; & the means thereunto (such are these Men comprehended) Discord by all means to be avoided. The Groundless discontent in the State here is prodigious! proceeding from His Majesty's Benevolence to the Earl of Bute, one of his Chiefs in the Train of his youth, & for whose obsequious Behaviour His Majesty has thought him worthy in Rank & Abilities to constitute him at the Head of the Treasury. He being radically Scotch & of small com̄une with the English, His High step up, has caused much murmur, Discontent & very abusive writings Published, and scandalous Prints exhibited. It cannot be His Lord^{ps} concern in the Peace (that has caused such abuse) it seems the Best Peace Great Britain ever made, advantageous; yet much Discord is rise, whether 'tis from the Quick turn out of the Old Administration & their several followers, or his Lord^{ps} too much incline by preferm^t to the Scotch, or by Admittance of Tories into the Council & Places, or by Extention of Excise on Cyder I shall not say the Juxta of Matters that caused his sudden resignation of all Power & Employ a few days before the prorogation of the Sessions of Parliament, w^h he did. His Majesty the Best of Kings, vexed Doubts Action; 'tis said has offered to reinstate some, they have refused. I instance this as proof of the instability of Power attendant on Sovereignty.

I desire y^r trouble of favour, to turn to his Lord^{ps} Instructions with you dated the 16th of Dec^r 1756. relative to that part concern^g the Act of 1704 the support of Govern^t, as the several Laws that have been relative are upon Record in the Province, 'tis of consequence to know here, if the citation of them in that Instruction is right; as to the Dates; & y^r opinion is desired upon the Argum^{ts} propounded on that Subject & matter therein. And likewise the favour of y^r knowledge, concern^g the 14^{teen} pence p^r Ton on Ships, whether the Evidence of the Division of that affair before W^m the 3^d Try'd, is upon Record in the Province?

I observe in the Journalls of the Lo. House Viz. A Bill intituled an Additional Supplementary Act to the Act, Intituled an Act, for Quieting Possessions & Enrolling Conveyances & securing Estates of Purchasers "It will pass here, provided the Tenour of the Bar acknowledges & ascertains his Lord^{ps} Alienation Fine to be paid at Enrollm^t according to the Patent, his right Held here is indubitable, his Lord^p here by remove, if given ag^t him in the province is advised to have recourse to the King in Council, if the Bill's