

Lib. C. B. loyal Petition to Our most Gracious Sovereign, and made such
 No. 20 Representations to his Majesty's Ministers, as they apprehend
 would tend to obtain Redress. They have also Submitted it
 to Consideration whether any People can be said to enjoy any
 Degree of Freedom, if the Crown, in Addition to its undoubted
 p. 23 Authority of Constituting a Governor, should also appoint
 him such a Stipend as it shall judge proper, without the Con-
 sent of the People, and at their Expence; And whether while
 the Judges of the Land and other Civil Officers in the Prov-
 ince hold not their Commission during good Behaviour, their
 having Salaries appointed by the Crown independent of the
 People, hath not a Tendency to Subvert the Principles of
 Equity, and endanger the Happiness and security of the
 Subject.

In Addition to these Measures, the House have wrote a
 Letter to their Agent M^r Deberdt, the Sentiment of which he
 is directed to lay before the Ministry, wherein they take Notice
 of the Hardships of the Act for preventing Mutiny and De-
 sertion, which require the Governor and Council to provide
 Enumerated Articles for the King's Marching Troops, and the
 People to pay the Expence, and also the Commission of the
 Gentlemen appointed Commissioners of the Customs to reside
 in America, which Authorizes them to make as many Appoint-
 ments as they think fit, and to pay the Appointees what Sums
 they please, for whose Mal-Conduct they are not accountable,
 from whence it may happen that Officers of the Crown may be
 multiplied to such a Degree as to become dangerous to the
 Liberties of the People, by Virtue of a Commission which doth
 not appear to this House to derive any such advantages to
 Trade as many have been led to expect.

These are the Sentiments and Proceedings of this House,
 and as they have too much reason to believe that the Enemies
 of the Colonies have represented them to His Majesty's Min-
 isters, and the Parliament, as factious, disloyal and having a
 Disposition to make themselves Independent of the Mother-
 Country, They have taken Occasion in the most Humble
 Terms to assure His Majesty and his Ministers, that, with
 regard to the People of this Province, and as they doubt not
 of all the Colonies, the Charge is unjust.

The House is fully satisfied that Your Assembly is too
 generous and enlarged in Sentiment to believe that this Letter
 proceeds from an Ambition of taking the Lead or dictating to
 other Assemblies. They freely submit their Opinion to the
 Judgment of others, and shall take it kind in your House to
 point out to them anything further which may be thought
 necessary.