

Lib. C. B.     At a Council held, at the Governor's, on Friday the 4<sup>th</sup> day  
No. 20     of August, in the Nineteenth Year of His Lordship's Do-  
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Present

His Excellency Robert Eden Esq<sup>r</sup> Governor.

The Honble { Benedict Calvert Esq<sup>r</sup>     Walter Dulany Esq<sup>r</sup>  
                  { Daniel Dulany Esq<sup>r</sup>     George Steuart Esq<sup>r</sup>  
                  { John Ridout Esq<sup>r</sup>

His Excellency was pleased to lay before this Board a Letter, which he had received from the Right Honourable the Earl of Hillsborough, inclosing His Majesty's most Gracious Speech to both Houses of Parliament at the Close of the last Session; as also one from John Pownal Esq<sup>r</sup> together with Sundry Acts of Parliament.

Whitehall May 13<sup>th</sup> 1769.

Sir.

Inclosed I send you the Speech made by the King to his Parliament, at the Close of the Session on Tuesday last. What his Majesty is pleased to say, in relation to the Measures which have been pursued in North America, will not escape Your Notice, as the Satisfaction His Majesty expresses in the Approbation his Parliament has given to them and the assurances of their firm Support in the Prosecution of them, together with his Royal Opinion of the great Advantages that will probably accrue from the Concurrence of every Branch of the Legislature, in the Resolution of maintaining a due Execution of the Laws, cannot fail to produce the most Salutary Effects.

From hence it will be understood that the whole Legislature concur in the Opinion, adopted by his Majesty's Servants, that no Measure ought to be taken which can any way derogate from the Legislative Authority of Great Britain over the Colonies; but I can take upon me to assure you, Notwithstanding Insinuations to the Contrary, from Men with Factious and Seditious Views, that His Majesty's present Administration have at no time entertained a Design to propose to Parliament to lay any further Taxes upon America, for the purpose of raising a Revenue, and that it is at present their Intention to propose, in the next Session of Parliament, to take off the Duties upon Glass Paper and Colours, upon Consideration of such Duties having been laid contrary to the true Principles of Commerce.

These Sir have always been and still are the Sentiments of His Majesty's present Servants, and the Principles by