

U. H. J. you to do what is proper for you in your Stations, for the
 p. 47 advancement of the aforementioned Intention of the meeting
 of the Reverend Clergy at this Season. Some of the Revnd
 Clergy have Informed me that they are Preparing a Representa-
 tion to be laid before both Houses which will be soon offered
 to your Consideration.

By the Uper house of Assembly

April 29th 1718

Gent His Excellency having been pleased to lay before us
 the foregoing with a Copy of his Speech to the Reverend
 Clergy and their Address to him, We think ourselves Obliged
 by our Duty to God most heartily to thank his Excellency for
 his Great and Pious Care of our Religion and at the same time
 to Assure you how Readily we shall joyn with you (on sight
 of such Representation) to do what may be judged necessary
 And to the contributing to so good a work.

Signed p order John Beard Cl Up Ho.

Rev^d Gentlemen

On my first Arrival from Great Britain I Convened the
 Rev^d Body of the Clergy to be Advised of the State & Condi-
 tion of the Church of England in this Province, to which I was
 p. 48 Prompted not only by the Duty of my Station, but also by a
 Zealous Inclination to Promote as much as in me Lay the
 Propagation of our most holy Religion, for which Pious &
 laudable End you are missionaries here.

I had not long Resided here before Experience shewed me
 the necessity of having some Rev^d Persons Impowered by the
 Right Rev^d the Lord Bishop of London our Diocesan for the
 Better Government of the Church in this Province.

This Obliged me to remonstrate to that Effect to his Lord-
 ship who had the Goodness not only to Approve of my Re-
 monstrance but even Condescended to Appoint for his Lord-
 ship's Commissaries those two Rev^d Gentlemen whom I took
 the Liberty to Nominate for that Purpose.

I find there are Sev^l Difficulties in the Execution of the
 Rev^d Commissaries' Comissions, which in good measure is
 Owing to the Constitution of the Province and the Natural
 Scituation of the Country filled with great Rivers & Creeks
 which renders it Impracticable to Put the Ecclesiasticall Can-
 nons in full force, As it is much to be wished they might be as
 well here as in England To Remove all which Obstructions
 you are now Called together, And upon your Representation