

the Libertys & Properties of the Good People of this Province U. H. J. are Strengthened thereby.

Such free Declarations convince us that Your Lordships would not have Disassented to that Act for the Better Supporting the Magistrates in the Adm^{con} of Justice within this Province had it not been out of a Tender Regard to the Preservation of the Rights & Libertys of an English Subject A Principle so Just & so Beneficent it fills us with Pleasure to foresee that Justice & Clemency are like to become the Rule of your Lordships Govern^t.

But give us leave in most Humble maⁿer to Represent that the Particular p^{son} mentioned in that act did never Apply himself to the uper House upon that Occasion Altho he had very Little Reason to Apprehend any Hardships there from the Treatm^t he mett withall a few Days [before] upon his Re- p. 111
fusall to Make such Reasonable Acknowledgment of his indecent and Insolent Behaviour to our Governour in the Court of Chancery & Elsewhere as was Required of him by Your L^{pps} Letter to him for that Purpose. This gives a great Deal of Reason to believe that the Subtill Insinuations and false Allegations of that p^{son} Prevailed upon those Eminent Gentlemen of the Law to give their Opinions as they have been Transmitted to us.

Wee Humbly Submitt to your Lordships Opinions that Laws made ag^t Persons ex post facto if not unjust are at Least Deemed Severe, but Such was the Case of that Particular Person that frequent Excuses Brought on Repeated Transgressions and pardoning Instead of Humbling him made him so much the more Insolent. Whereupon the Legislative power seeing all Authority of Government Slighted and Contemned took in hand the Affair and made the Act af^d as the Only Effectuall Discouragement to such like Practices for the future. But fforasmuch as Your Lordships have Been Pleased to Disapprove of the manner of tacking any Particular Clause to a Generall Bill We have so Just a Deference for your Lordships Opinions in the Case that we have now proceeded to remedy the Great Evil by two distinct Acts

May It Please y^r Lordships

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Wee make no Question but the Advancement of Learning within this your Province Shall be a very acceptable Thing to you yet fforasmuch as the narrow Circumstances of an Infant Country (All our Funds raised for that purpose falling short of the End Designed) will not alone afford Sufficient Encouragement thereto which Lays us under a necessity of Addressing your L^{pps} upon this Occasion for Altho the Condition