

L. H. J. great Zeale you have shewn for the King's Hon^r against the daring Attempts of Papists. You may depend upon it that as my Lord Proprietor and I have nothing more at heart than the maintaining the true Orthodox Religion and principles of the Church of England and the Protecting you in all Yo^r civill rights & Liberties so We hope, We shall be able to do both under the Administration of our Present L^t Governour Cap^t Hart.

I do Assure you nothing can be more Wellcome to my Lord Proprietor and me than the Advice of our Assembly it being so vitall a Part of the Constitucon and the best Counsell of the Province And We hope that as often as You give it us You will understand the Value of your rights & Priviledges so well as to give it free & without Influence.

Gentlemen. You may depend upon it no person shall be Advanced to any Preferrment for which he shall not be Qualified by Law

October 10th 1716.

Guilford.

Coll: Holland from the upper House delivers M^r Speaker three L^{rs} from the Hon^{ble}. Nathaniel Blackiston Esq^r the agent for this Province the one dated the 6th day of October 1716 being a Copy of one from him sent to the Lord Guilford the other two to the Generall Assembly the one dated the 10th of Octo: 1716 and the Other the first of March last By which this house is firmly perswaded of the strict Hon^r and Justice as well as great Affection of the said Nathaniel Blackiston Esq^r towards this Province and also of his indefatigable Endeavours for the true Interest of both Lord & People.

Maj^r John Ward M^r James ffrisby & Cap^t Thomas Dent make their Appearance in the house.

Ordered the Comittee of Laws prepare with all Convenient hast an Answer to his Lpp's & his Excy's Speech.

John Hall Esq^r from the Upper House delivers M^r Speaker the following Message Viz.

By his Excy in Councill May the 29th 1717.

Gent.

I have herewith sent you for your Perusall the 11th Article of their L^{pps} Instrucons to me relating to Ordinary Lycences which is as follows:

Article 11th Whereas the granting Ordinary's Lycences is undoubtedly in us and that we have impowered our Secretarys M^r Thomas Beake and M^r Charles Lowe either by themselves or their Deputy to grant them and receive the fines thereof to their own use and thinking it Necessary that the