

their Insinuations. And We beg Leave to Assure your U. H. J. Honour that such Reports have not, nor ever shall create any misunderstandings on our Parts, we being already by many p. 10 Instances assured of your good Resolutions to promote the Prosperity of this Province; but on the Contrary that we will in our Several Stations (as in Duty and Gratitude bound) by all means and at all Times, discourage and punish the Divulgers of such false Reports, and by all our Actions endeavour to merit the generous Esteem and great Commendation, you have been pleased to express in favour of us.

We think it our Glory and Privilege that the Royal Charter to his Lordship do's permit and direct the Assimilating our Constitution, as near as may be to that of Great Britain. In order thereto (as your Honour has been pleas'd to observe) our Legislature consists of three Estates viz. his Lordship or his Governour for the Time being, And the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly. And we find by inspecting our Journals, that the Upper House of Assembly for this Province under a Proprietary Government, was always composed of such Persons as were members of his Lordships honourable Council; and that, and only that Qualification, is, and has been thought necessary to empower any Person to act as a member in that House. We are therefore humbly of opinion in Reference to M<sup>r</sup> Bordley, that, if he be legally discharged from being a member of his Lordships Council, he is thereby disabled and deprived of the Privilege to act as a Member in the Upper House of Assembly. But in the humblest manner we take this occasion to Offer to your Honour's Consideration, Whether it be not advisable to send for M<sup>r</sup> Bordley, Who, when acquainted with his Offence may perhaps so far explain himself as to convince your Honour, that he had not any Intentions to give you pernicious Council; But that It was rather want of Judgment than Integrity in Him. We shall think it a Blessing, if we may be the happy Instruments of composing the Difference between your Honour and that Gentleman; for we hope it may be of Service both to his Lordship and the Good People of this Province, and no Prejudice to your Honour, for whom we have a tender and dutiful Regard

We shall, according to Your Honour's kind Recommendation diligently apply ourselves to the Dispatch of the Publick Business, with as little Charge as possible; And we hope the Several Members of this General Assembly in their particular Stations, will make it their constant Endeavour to discourage parties and factions and promote Peace and Charity amongst p. 11