

proper for the common Good; For we esteem it impracticable L. H. J.
 for his L^{pp} (a Stranger to the place at so Great a Distance
 from us) to be rightly advised of these things, but by your
 means and the Representations of us his faithfull Tenants;
 and since by a late Instruction from his L^{pp} it was easy to
 observe his L^{pp} had taken advice from some that were
 unacquainted, perhaps for want of yours, It seems strange
 that your Honours should propose the waiting for his L^{pps}
 Advice, instead of giving your advice to his L^{pp} in what is
 agreeable to our Constitution & publick Weal: This seems
 so far to invert the order and end of your office that we hope
 your Honours will not further insist on it as a Cause for
 deferring your concurrence in the point desired. For as we
 Esteem it no ways necessary for faithfull Councillors to know
 what will please their Prince before they give him their
 Advice (unless they seek his favour and consult his pleasure
 rather than his reall Interest) so we cannot think but it would
 be much to your own Satisfaction and for his L^{pps} Service
 to give your Advice the quickest Dispatches to him you possi-
 bly can to prevent his L^{dps} being further beholden to
 strangers to o^r Constitution for want of your good offices
 to him.

We use our Endeavours, we can Sincerely say, to Cultivate
 & p^rserve a Good understanding with you for the Common
 Good, and we cannot Employ our Endeavours better than by
 using those freedoms with you that are necessary for the
 Common Good, and altho' you should think those freedoms
 unbecomeing us to use with you, who wear a Dignity in this
 State that Stiles you our Superiors; yet as we shall never
 prostitute plain dealing, to the Servile force of Compliment
 when our Countreys Good your Honour and our Duty require
 plainness, We shall rather Choose to bear your Censure if we
 incurr it, than be wanting in this part, and in pursuit of this
 Resolution we give you our thoughts that if your Honours had
 been free in Communicating to his L^{pps} your Sense of our
 Resolves in the year 1722 when they were Communicated to
 you, It might have Given his L^{dp} reason to have withstood the
 Importunities of those that forwarded the Instruction that
 caused our late Address. And if when your Honours were
 acquainted with our Address you had then appriz'd his L^{pp} of
 your thoughts upon it, they might probably have saved his
 L^{pp} the Labour of much Enquiry and have precaution'd him
 against Such further Steps as may be founded on the like
 advice to Strangers to our Constitution, the consequences of
 which we cannot guess at, but if they prove amiss your
 Honours must give your Country leave to lay them at your