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On our part we are truly Obliged to your Excellency for Expressing your kind intention and View towards promoting our happiness and prosperity we are fully perswaded that all Gentlemen of understanding and Humanity must find A real and lasting pleasure and Satisfaction in doing Benevolent and good offices and that to be governed by one of such Dispositions is A great Happiness to A People We Assure your Excellency that we shall very heartily Join in whatever you shall propose for the real Interest and Service of this Country.

We shall Endeavour to pursue your Excellency's Advice and weigh with all Candour and Impartiality every matter laid before us whether it Comes from any Gentleman in place or one that wants one and shall be ready to Approve what our Consciences dictate will be for the good of our Country and are well pleased your Excellency recommends so Just and laudable A Rule for our proceedings in what instances your Excellency may have Experienced that matters of very great advantage to the Province which have been proposed by the Government have been Opposed for that Reason we know not and we do sincerely Assure your Excellency we are not Conscious of any such motives having Influenced our Conducts nor shall such hereafter.

We Sincerely wish there had been no occasion of Applying to your Excellency about Aggrievances but many such having been laid before us of a most Oppressive Nature we could not but think it incumbent on us to Endeavour to restore and preserve our Natural Rights and Priviledges

We Pretend not to oppose the prerogatives of the Crown (which we Conceive are in no manner Concerned in our present Differences) nor his Lordships Just and Legal Rights granted him by the Royal Charter or Laws of the Country. We hope by the many kind Assurances in your Excellencys Speech and the good Intentions you witness of his Lordship that our Complaints may have A favourable hearing and redress either from your Excellency or his Lordship wherein if we are so unfortunate as to fail we shall humbly hope from the Justice and Clemency of his Majesty to find Releif In which Case we hope your Excellency will grant us all sufficient means to Enable us to lay our Complaints before his Majesty to whose Royal Determination we shall most dutyfully and Chearfully submit and in the mean time shall Join our best Endeavours for promoting the trade of this Province so far as the Difficulties it labours under will admit us being so much Concerned in its prosperity that we Cannot but have it wholly at heart.

Signed per Order of the Lower House, per  
P. Hammond Speaker

April the 26<sup>th</sup> 1740