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the Information of his Majesty's Ministers. Since, therefore, it seems to be your Excellency's Opinion, that we have no Occasion for an Agent in the particular Instance mentioned in your Message, for Reasons which may be extended to every other Cause of Complaint, we think it amounts to little less than a general Denial of the Expediency of establishing a Person in that Character. This, we conceive, is a Doctrine of so dangerous a Tendency to the Rights of our Constituents, that we must insist a little on your Excellency's Patience, while we explain and enforce the Right of the People to appoint an Agent, and the Expediency of exercising that Right. The great End of employing an Agent, is to represent, and bring to a final Determination, any Matters in Dispute with the Proprietary, by which the People may apprehend themselves aggrieved. If the People think themselves aggrieved, they have a Right to apply to his Majesty for Redress. If they have this Right, it follows, that they must have a Right to the Means of giving his Majesty the fullest Information upon the Subject of their Appeals; and this, no doubt his Majesty, from his known Love of Justice and Tenderness to all his Subjects, would require; so that we conceive it not only an Invasion of the People's Privileges, but derogatory from his Majesty's Dignity, to withhold from him the clearest Lights we can give him for the Information of his Judgment. If it be undeniable, that every Individual has, on proper Occasions, a Right to appeal to his Majesty, and to employ any Agent he thinks proper to enforce his Cause, and place it in the most advantageous Light, it follows, *à fortiori*, that a whole Body of his Subjects must have this Right; we hope, therefore, we shall be excused if we say, it is too assuming in a Governor to undertake to judge of the Expediency of the People's having an Agent to support their Interests, when he may be considered as the Delegate of the Lord Proprietary, against whom they may be desirous to exhibit their Complaints, and the subordinate Instrument of those very Encroachments by which they are aggrieved. But besides this, we think your Excellency a little unhappy in your Reasoning; for you infer, that there cannot be that great Necessity we seem to apprehend for the Appointment of an Agent, because the Ministry have been informed from our Journals of the Nature of our Disputes. Now we think your Excellency could not have produced a stronger Instance to shew the absolute Necessity of our having one, unless the Inefficacy of a particular Measure can be supposed to render any other Step unnecessary; for what have the Ministry done in Consequence of this Information, and your Excellency's Intimation to Mr. Pitt, one of his Majesty's then principal Secretaries of State, that you were afraid no Supplies for the King's Service would be granted in this Province, unless his Majesty should be pleased to have the Dispute thoroughly examined into, and finally settled Have they determined the Disputes? Has