

of it, or draw the Resentment of the Laws on them, by their Pernicious and mistaken Zeal, in making Profelytes to their Religion; of, which there is but too much cause to Complain, and I can assure them, they are not to hope for other Terms from the *Lord Proprietor*, when of Age, for that Noble Youth has Solemnly Promised to make the Law, *Justice, Clemency and Loyalty*, the Standard of his Government, these are Pious, Wise and Manly Resolutions, and his *Lordship* has given me leave to assert (which I do in his own Words) that his Actions will always correspond with his Declarations.

Such generous Expressions from his *Lordship*, fills me with great Pleasure, I could not wish a happier Exit to my Cares, and I doubt not, after the Test of some Years to come, it will be found, I have been Contending for his *Lordship's* true Honour and Interest, as well as the Peace and Prosperity of this Flourishing Province, and I do most heartily Congratulate you on the fair Prospect you have of both before you, and may the Bounty of Heaven Preserve and encrease these Blessings to you, till time is no more.

*Gentlemen of the Upper and Lower Houses;*

I Am Informed, since the Printing the Laws of this Province, that the Act commonly called the Repealing Act, which you will find in the Printed Volume Page One Hundred and Seventy, has Created a doubt in the minds of many, as if that Act had Repealed all the Laws made that Sessions; It must be acknowledged, that Act is not so clearly and well expressed, as it might and ought to have been; but as the Scruples, that are raised upon it, may prove of evil Consequence, it lyes upon you to make such an Explanation, as shall remove all Contests may arise in Arguments on it.

The Lives and Fortunes of the Subject, depending so much on the Integrity and Capacity of Juries, I Offer it to your Consideration, whether the Laws make sufficient Provision for the Returns of Juries, and whether those Laws are well executed or not; and as you are, by the *Lord Proprietor's* Charter, to come as near as Possible to the Laws and Customs of *England*, I propose it to you to follow their Example, where no Commoner is thought too good to serve his Country, as a Jury Man.

You have already given so many Signal Proofs of your Zealous Inclinations, to propagate Learning within this Province, that I need not Enforce the Necessity of it, by any further Arguments, but as I know your Abilities do not come up to your desires for that Laudable End, and that as yet the Fund you have provided, is not sufficient to maintain one Free-School, at least in every County, as it is much to be wished it would; I Offer it to your Consideration, whether on your Humble Address to his sacred Majesty (to be transmitted by My *Lord Proprietor*) setting forth the Truth, that you receive no Benefit or Advantage from the Duty laid on your *Tobacco* exported to the other Plantations, altho' that Duty is appropriated by the Crown, to the Promoting of Learning in these Parts of His Majesty's Dominions, it is Probable His Majesty, who has given so large Examples of His Goodness, for the Encouragement of Learning in great *Britain*, will be pleased to Extend His Bounty here also, and direct you some Benefit or Equivalent for that fund, that was intended for the encrease of Learning. I say what may you not reasonably Expect from so Pious, so Gracious and so Benevolent a Sovereign, as now fills the Throne, whom *God* long Preserve in all Felicity to do so.