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The Upper House of Assembly May 18th. 1719.

May it Please Your Excellency;

IT being the Undoubted Right of the Supream Authority, when and as often as shall be thought Necessary for the Common Good, to convene the Assembly, no Circumstance of Time ought to Restrain us, tho' to our Disadvantage, when our Duty calls us to the Service of our Country, which Service we the more chearfully enter upon at this Time, that we have our Hearts filled with Joy and Satisfaction, to find that their Lordships, (Contrary to the Opinion of some People) have approved of most of the Proceedings in the last Sessions of Assembly; and more especially for the Encouragement they have given us to concert such proper measures, as shall most effectually Support the Authority of the Courts of Justice, and Protect the Persons of his Lordship's Ministers, as Your Excellency hath been pleased to declare to us, in Your *Kind Speech* to both Houses of Assembly. This *Sir*. gives us a fit Occasion of acknowledging our Gratitude to Your Excellency, for all your good Offices with their Lordships, in settling matters in so true a Light, that we have now nothing left us to fear, from the Practices of a Restless and Turbulent People; Notwithstanding the Designs they were forming in the Person of our Lord Proprietor, against our Established Government in the hands of *Protestants*. But we thank God, that they are not only disappointed in their present Views, but seem entirely Defeated in all their future Prospects of Disturbing the Tranquillity of this Province, upon a weak, and as it appears, groundless Supposition, that the Nearness in Blood to some Gentlemen of the *Romish Religion*, would have Influenced his Lordship to Countenance that Party, by breaking in upon our present *Protestant Establishment*.

But forasmuch as his Lordship hath given us entire satisfaction upon that Head, by some late Transactions, Confirmed to us in such a Gracious Manner, that we must own we want Words to publish our Just Resentments of his Lordship's good Inclinations, more especially in Commanding Your Excellency, to let his great Council of this Province know, that his Lordship is Resolved, That his Actions shall always Correspond with his Declarations, having before Promised to make *Law, Justice, Clemency and Loyalty* the *Standard of his Government*. What is there that we have not reason to hope for, from such generous Beginnings; where Reason hath Prevailed over Nature, in the Exercise of those Manly Discerning faculties that are rarely found but in Men of Advanced Years? We have such a Dependancy on his Lordship's Honour and Sincerity, in those Engaging Declarations, that we take the Liberty, in this Publick Manner, to request your Excellency to assure his Lordship, on our behalfs, that his Goodness and Tender Regards of his faithful Tenants here, will always meet with suitable Returns of *Duty, Integrity and Affection*; Such a Conjunction must needs Establish a happy Constitution, the greatest Blessing any People can desire.

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