

Upon a Proclamation signifying the Report of the said Council to wit that they humbly agree to answer His Majesty's Excellency to defer the publishing of such Proclamation for the following reasons viz

1. In regard there is not a full Council at this time there being only three present at the Board & the others being so remote that they cannot well be called together in a short time

2. That this being a matter of great & weighty moment which may have Influence on the Courts of Law & Justice within this Province in their Judgments and Proceedings it would be for his Majesty's Service & the Great Benefit of the Province to defer the publishing of such Proclamation until the meeting of the General Assembly

3. That this being so public a concern wherein his most Sacred Majesty & his good Subjects of this Province are so nearly interested it is absolutely necessary that the General Assembly should be consulted therein which at present is much facilitated by the nearness of their meeting to wit the 26th Instant to which day they should Proceed

His Exc^{ty} is pleased further to ask the advice of the Gentlemen present whether in regard he has rec^d no late Commands from his most sacred Majesty or from the right Hon^{ble} the Lords of the Council for trade & Foreigne Plan^{ts} that the meeting of the Assembly should not be ^{farther} deferred in expectation of some of his Majesty's Royal Commands which may be sent him in or other directions from the right Hon^{ble} their Lordships the Com^{rs} of