

Revising the Laws &c & accordingly do write
the following Letter

Charlottesville Va. 1700

They it please your Lordships

It is not usual nor are we desirous to trouble
your Lordships with any of our business knowing that
all Affairs relating to his Majesty's service & that you
are especially laid before your Lordships by his Excellency
Coll^o Blakenham our Governour but that upon occasions
us to give your Lordships this trouble is to excuse our
selves on account of the necessity arising the Laws of this
Province is to lay upon your Lordships the subtle art
vances & false insinuations of those whose Enemies
both to his Majesty's Government & Religion & we were
by his said Excellency upon his arrival apprived of
his Majesty's Instructions for revising the Laws & in
regard that an Assembly was to meet in a small time
It was advised to defer that work till that time not
that his Excellency or we designed to make use of the
Assembly's assistance therein but that if any thing
was a matter that could be amended it might be then
done & we beg your Lordships to believe that both his Excellency
& we were more than ordinary cautious that nothing
should pass which in the least intruded on his Majesty's
Authority & we hope there is nothing in them that
does; but if there is we are heartily sorry for it & if
were your Lordships its for want of Judgment not
Care but as to the Law concerning the Laws we are
fully convinced by your Lordships reasons of our over
sight ^{therein} & only beg your Lordships patience till the
next meeting of Assembly & we doubt not but that